



The P. C.  
Editor Says:

The review of "The Bible Designed to be read as Living Literature" by Mrs. Kathryn Turney Gatten at the High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon was listened to by a large audience and when she had finished was given a wonderful ovation. During the review marked attention was given and through the review tears came to the eyes of many whose conscience, we suppose, smote them for the life they have lived. We were impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and we believe if this wonderful reader could be brought to the city for a series of readings from this book could cause a real religious upheaval in this city which is so badly needed. While we are old and on the brink of the grave we believe we could be converted.

Just moralizing, the Carthage Press concludes that weaklings can always be bad while it takes a certain amount of strength to be good. "If we find good habits easier to lose than bad ones" continues the Press, "it does not necessarily mean that we like to be bad best. It may be that we are weakening."

A mailing list was sent to the Standard office from which to address some circulars and the party who wrote the list evidently was not up on the spelling of some Southeast Missouri postoffice for in spelling Tallapoosa he or she spelled it, Tally-Pussy.

Melvin Schmidt, 23, St. Cloud, Minn., was sentenced to six months in jail after he confessed he knelt in church pews as though awaiting confession, then rifled the purses of women in the seats ahead of him while they were in the confessional booth.

The Democratic meeting at Benton Saturday afternoon was harmonious with 12 of the 17 delegates to the State Convention in St. Louis April 15 favorable to Senator Clark to head the delegation to the National Convention at Chicago and 5 favorable to Governor Stark. The unit rule was adopted.

When you hear a speech made by a critic of the Democratic Party, try to find a statement that offers even one constructive program. Don't forget that during the ten years preceding the present Administration not a single statute was enacted for the restraint of excesses and not one for the betterment or the permanent security of the individual.

"Backers believe Milligan and Stark will split the Bible Belt vote," is a headline in the Kansas City Star. If that be the case and Truman can carry the State outside of the so-called Bible Belt then he is as good as his own successor.

Grover Cleveland Smith, candidate for Secretary of State on the Democratic ticket, was a caller at The Standard office Friday forenoon. He is one of the state employees who were told to get out of the race or off the payroll while the Governor remained on the payroll and in the race.

Tom Scott was very much in evidence at the political meeting at Benton Saturday when he was not a delegate and not even an innocent bystander. He is warden of the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City and was present to stampede the convention for Governor Stark.

The Standard this issue carries the official announcement of Milo G. Gresham for State Senator from the 23d Senatorial District of Missouri. Judge Gresham is a Sikeston man, a lawyer of wide experience and a friend of the people and if he receives the nomination and election will make this District a Senator that we can feel proud of.

It doesn't always pay to say what you think even if the overwhelming majority of your listeners agree with you. There's the case of the speech made by our minister to Canada, James H. R. Cromwell. He said a lot of nice things about the Allies, of which Canada is one, and immediately aroused some of the comparatively few German sympathizers back here in the states. They have demanded his impeachment because he overlooked the neutrality of the United States. Quite likely Mr. Cromwell was wrong in making the speech but we believe he was right in what he said.—Shelbina Democrat.

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CAN MAKE MONEY  
WITHOUT ADVERTISING  
AND YOU ARE  
NOT THE MINT

## Alleged Short Change Trio Under Arrest

Long, long will three short-change artists remember Shelly Hudson's cafe on Highway 61 north.

The three were captured Friday at DeSoto, Mo., by the State Patrol and returned to Cape Girardeau, where they had better luck than with Shelly, and they will face charges of mulcting at least two concerns there.

Their fast bill-shuffling Wednesday night, in an effort to hoodwink Shelly, cost them a dollar when the Sikeston cafe man kept a step ahead of them and made a profit on the deal. As the men were departing hastily, after Mr. Hudson threatened to call the State Patrol, the proprietor noted the license number on the Arkansas plate of the 1940 Ford sedan they were driving.

The license number was broadcast. The three are in jail. Little Rock, Ark., authorities advised the patrol the licenses were issued to Buster Ellis of that city, known to police as a short-change artist and slot-machine robber. However, he was not wanted in Arkansas.

Prior to their unprofitable foray at Sikeston, the trio allegedly swindled a service station of \$10 and a tavern of \$5 at Cape Girardeau, making small purchases with big bills and then, on pretext of getting the larger bills back, confused the attendants in swapping smaller bills.

Ellis, 31, and his companions, Charles Croy, 37, and Vernon "Sailor" Rowland, 22, all said they live at Little Rock. They were taken to the Jackson jail.

Ellis and Rowland have followed the wrestling trade, officers said.

## Boy Admits \$119 Theft

An 11-year-old negro lad Saturday admitted to police entering the residence of A. C. Barrett, 816 North Kingshighway, one day last week and stealing bills hidden in a bedroom. Mr. Barrett, who discovered the loss Wednesday, said \$119 was missing.

The boy, and a 9-year-old companion, told several conflicting stories of disposing the money, and mentioned giving it to several persons. They also told of spending about \$5 for clothes and a small amount for candy.

The older lad led officers to a spot near his tenant cabin, a short distance down the alley from the Barrett home, where he said he hid a big wad of bills, but no money was found.

He related he took the money around noon-time, when Mrs. Barrett was away on a trip and Mr. Barrett was downtown, entering through a basement door. The bills were taken from a chest of drawers and a dresser.

The older boy stated he was prompted to take the money by Luther Hill, an uncle who lives in the same cabin. The lads told of giving some of the money to Hill.

The suspects were taken into custody by Officer Claude McManus.

## KELLY GARRETT BUYS JONES' DRUG STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Garrett have purchased the Jones Drug Store on Highway 61 and took charge Monday. Mr. Garrett, an experienced fountain and drug man, offers a snappy delivery service anywhere in the city. He and Mrs. Garrett have lived in Sikeston for over a year and are well known here.

Fred Jones, former owner and operator of the drug store, stated that he is quitting the drug business to enter the sale of roofing and siding materials.

Twelve hours and seven minutes make a day at the equator. This is the time which elapses between sunrise and sunset.

**SIKESTON STANDARD  
COMPLIMENTARY  
This Ticket Will Admit  
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Proctor  
—to the—  
MALONE THEATRE  
TICKET  
Wednesday, April 3 to see  
"THE BLUEBIRD"**

## LOPEZ SINGER



One of the attractive features of Vincent Lopez' organization is Anne Barrett, lovely singer for the band, whom Lopez discovered while his band was playing last year at Memphis and she was appearing at Baton Rouge, La. She started with Orrin Tucker's ("Oh Johnny") band.

## Youth Admits Army Desertion

Taken into custody here Friday afternoon on suspicion, Douglas Robert Sims, 24, admitted to Sgt. Dace of the State Patrol he was a deserter from the U. S. Army post at Ft. McClellan, Ala. The youth was in army uniform when picked up at the 60-61 intersection by the trooper.

Army officials at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, advised the patrol to hold Sims until further orders were issued.

Sims, whose home is at Memphis, said he went A. W. O. L. at Ft. McClellan during war maneuvers, stating he was drunk at the time. From the post he went to Memphis, journeyed to California and was returning to Memphis when arrested. Pending action by army officers, he was taken to the Benton jail.

## Large Cline Home At McMullin Burns

Loss of at least \$5000 was estimated following the fire which early Friday destroyed the large, attractive two-story residence of Ed Cline at McMullin.

Henry Cline, father of the owner, was said to have arisen early, kindled a fire and then went to the barn to feed livestock. A few minutes later the kitchen was enveloped in flames. Members of the family were forced to flee in night clothing, and only a few effects were saved. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cline, three children and Mrs. Cline's mother, Mrs. Nell Barnes, escaped unhurt.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Cline, a prominent farmer of the McMullin community, formerly owned the store on Highway 61 at McMullin lane.

## Potashnick Gets New Route Permits

Potashnick truck lines have been granted permission to operate over Highway 25 from Jackson to Festus and on a route between Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff by the Public Service Commission.

The permit on Highway 25 is for through consignments between Jackson and Festus. The trucks now serve intermediate points between the two cities on Highway 61. The company can serve Sikeston, Charleston and other points on the Poplar Bluff-Cape Girardeau route.

Previously, Potashnick trucks used Highway 61 and Illinois highways on north-south trips.

## BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN TO ORGANIZE NEW CIRCLE

The young women of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Milem Limbaugh, 124 W. Kathleen, this Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Business Women's Circle of the Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Limbaugh will be sponsor of the group.

## Tank Supports Rise At Dizzy Pace

Like a crew of carnival hands putting together a form-fitting ferris wheel for tomorrow's show, structural steel workers are making the mammoth new water tank sprout upward before an appreciative audience at Ranney and Center.

Starting from scratch Wednesday, by Saturday the men had the massive legs for the 300,000-gallon tank virtually completed to their 120-foot height, rising faster than Southeast Missouri corn, which is saying something.

In 30-foot sections the supports of the tank are stacked on top of each other, hoisted into position by a pulley connected to the top of the thin, 70-foot truss known as the gin pole. Like sections of a pre-fabricated house, the huge beams fit perfectly, were bolted into place, and with cross girders attached the crew was ready to go onward and upward.

In a day's time, these workers of the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. could complete one section, rising 30 feet upward, so that the tank supports, slanting inward, soon took the resemblance

of a six-legged stool without the seat.

After Thursday's work found the second section in place, the gin pole, with its base on the ground, towered less than 10 feet above the framework. This posed a real problem to the onlookers, who though maybe sky hooks would be needed to continue. The crew was not phased, however. The base of the gin pole was simply elevated off the ground by means of pulley ropes running from its base to the top of framework already completed. Other pulley ropes extending to the top of the gin pole serve as guys to hold it erect. So it looks like the men could build on up to heaven if they didn't want to stop.

All steel work, including pieces that will form the oval tank, were shipped here in sections from Des Moines, and need only to be fitted together.

A perpetual audience, varying from 25 to 100 persons throughout the day, watch, wonder and 'low they wouldn't care for the job of shinning up and down those tank legs like monkeys negotiating some tall palm trees for the succulent coconut.

## Minutes of Meeting of Scott County Democratic Convention

Pursuant to notice of the Democratic Central Committee of Scott County, Missouri, the Democratic Convention of Scott County, Missouri convened in the Circuit Court Room in the Court House in Benton, Missouri, at two o'clock p. m., Saturday, March 30, 1940.

The Convention was called to order by Otto Schoen, County Chairman. Dr. W. O. Finney, of Chaffee, Missouri, was selected to act as chairman of the meeting, and W. S. Corrigan, of Sikeston, was chosen secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the selection of seventeen delegates and seven alternate delegates to represent Scott County, Missouri at the State Convention to be held in St. Louis April 15, 1940.

The chairman thereupon appointed the following committees:

Credentials Committee—Emil Steck, Chairman, John Keusenkothen, Grover Baker, W. W. Lemons, R. F. Alsted.

Nominating Committee—H. F. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Otto Schoen, Bob Gober, Miss Alma Cope, C. L. Blanton, Jr.

Resolutions Committee—David Blanton, Chairman, Dr. G. W. H. Presnell, Mrs. H. D. Rogers, Mrs. Fred Bisplinghoff, Geo. Vogel.

These committees were instructed to retire and report back to the Convention their findings and recommendations.

Said committees retired and subsequently returned and presented the following reports.

Emil Steck, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that no delegation was present from Tywappity Township and that the Credentials Committee had duly certified to the legal election of forty-nine delegates who were entitled to vote at this convention. Mr. Steck moved that this report be adopted by the convention. This motion was duly seconded and the report was unanimously adopted by the Convention and ordered attached to these minutes.

H. F. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then reported that the Committee has recommended the following named persons to be sent to the Convention as delegates and alternates to represent Scott County at the State Convention:

Delegates: Dr. W. O. Finney, L. D. Kankford, Albert Bailey, Emil Steck, Otto Schoen, Dr. G. W. H. Presnell, Grover Baker, C. L. Blanton, Jr., C. E. Felker, W. H. Sikes, H. F. Kirkpatrick, Tom Scott, Ray B. Lucas, G. J. Slickman, Fred E. Black, Mrs. Alma Cope, and Norvel Anderson.

Alternates: W. D. Hartner, C. F. Hanks, Oscar Buckstein, Mrs. Fred Bisplinghoff, John Keusenkothen, O. M. Arthur, Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Harry Harty, Thomas B. Allen, Robert Gober, Geo. Vogel, John Michael, Alden Pinney, Mrs. Mayme Dirberger, W. W. Lemons, and Mrs. A. T. Bom.

Mr. Kirkpatrick thereupon moved that the report of the nominating committee and the recommendations therein be accepted and approved by the Convention. This motion was duly seconded and by the Convention unanimously carried and the report of

## Four Hurt in Headon Collision

Four persons received cuts and bruises in a headon automobile collision at 8:15 o'clock Friday morning on Highway 60 at the east edge of the city.

Clarence Dee Pfifer, 26, driver of a Model A Ford coupe, and two companions, Charles Mainord and Paul Higgs, all of Matthews, and Mrs. Tom Layne, 52, wife of the other driver, were hurt.

The State Patrol preferred a charge of driving while intoxicated against Pfifer, and also arraigned his companions before Justice Brown Jewell as accessories on the intoxication charge.

Mr. Layne, 58, who lives on Route 2, Sikeston, said the other car, going west, pulled across the highway into the path of his Ford pickup. Pfifer told officers he did not know how the accident happened. The fronts of both vehicles were smashed.

Dr. G. W. Presnell and Dr. E. J. Nienstedt treated the injured.

## Council May Meet Twice This Week

The City Council's regular April meeting will be this Monday evening, but a short session is anticipated since election day follows.

It is customary to call a special meeting after election day to verify the ballot count. As in the past, this probably will take place Wednesday morning.

Appointment of a member to the Board of Public Works generally takes place in an early April meeting. The term of E. P. Coleman expires this year.

## Small Blaze On Vernon Avenue

The fire department was called to the home of Bernard Crane on Vernon Avenue at 7:45 Sunday morning to put out a fire in the brooder house where 170 small chickens were kept.

The fire was 100 per cent and the 170 chickens were burned to a powder.

upon motion duly made and seconded, same was adjourned.

DR. W. O. FINNEY,  
Chairman.  
Attest:  
W. S. CORRIGAN,  
Secretary.

## Very Quiet Election Seen

If pre-election comments—which almost aren't—are any indicator, the balloting this Tuesday for only two city positions will be exceedingly light.

Lacking a mayoralty race and the issues that lend it color, the election now upon us promises to be very quiet, unless some eleven-hour incident stirs it, and this does not seem likely.

There are contests merely for city attorney and police judge. Even a race for an alderman's post, which brings the election right to the neighborhood, is lacking. Doubtless no election in recent years has been less contested, considering that all terms but that of mayor expire this year.

With contests last year only for three council seats, 1121 citizens went to the polls last year. In 1938, when an exciting mayoralty race was on, a record 3278 votes were cast.

## Richland Democrats Choose Delegates

Richland Township Democrats in a meeting Friday afternoon at the City Hall agreed to vote as a unit at the Scott County Democratic convention Saturday at Benton and also endorsed the Democratic administration.

Delegates selected were Dr. G. W. Presnell, Grover Baker, James Kevil, Harry Harty, W. H. Sikes, E. P. Coleman, Jr., William Corrigan, James Baker, Jr., Roland Malcolm, Ed Fuchs, Jr., C. E. Felker, C. L. Blanton, Jr., O. M. Arthur, Charles Bethune, Mrs. Ed Kendall and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr.

Alternates were Mrs. Marvin Carroll, Mrs. Bernice Barrett, Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. Harry Harty, William Foley, Judson Boardman, Elmos Taylor, Claude O'Connor, Walter Hughes, Mrs. Lynn Waggener, Mrs. Charles Boyce, Mrs. Les Sexton, William Simpson, Mrs. Ray Wisdom, Mrs. Birdie Petty, Lee Johnson.

## CATHOLIC LADIES CLUB COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

The Catholic Ladies Club will have a covered dish Wednesday, April 3, at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Walter Clymer, Mrs. Charles Dover and Mrs. Paul DeGuire as hostesses. All members are invited to be present.

The body of Edith Cavell, war nurse, is interred in Norwich Cathedral, England.

## To Vote on Dropping Part Of Morehouse

Where most cities raise election issues over whether more land will be added to the municipality, Morehouse, always good for an exciting election, will vote this Tuesday on changing its limits to exclude part of the city!

It is a city plat of five blocks, lying west of Little River, where it is argued, requirements for improvement and present city upkeep cost much more than taxes received on it.

Spirited races have developed for aldermen in both wards and for school director.

## MAYOR FAVORS CHANGE

Mayor R. C. "Tony" Caldwell in a public statement declared the five blocks, one with only one lot, had 32 lots altogether assessed for a total of \$1200. In the past 10 years, he said, a total of \$36 taxes has been paid to the city on this property, while street lighting west of the river has cost the city \$120 during the same period.

"It is reported that an attorney has been asked to bring suit to force the city to build and maintain a bridge across the river," he stated. "This means, if judgment is obtained, that the city will have to spend several hundred dollars paid in east of the river to erect the bridge. It will mean less money will be available for street maintenance, unless a special property tax is levied or poll tax collected."

"In addition, if the city is forced to extend water and sewage facilities west of the river, engineers say the cost to the system will be increased about \$5000."

## CANDIDATES RUNNING

In Ward 1, Wendell Fox, incumbent, is opposed by Cal Farris for alderman. Three are out for the Ward 2 council seat, Herbert Pointer, Marshall Spence and Bob Boone.

The contest to choose two school directors finds five men running, Hershel Hellum, for re-election, Fred Lamanack, S. L. Bensford, Fred Lemings and Hershel Gray.

Mr. Farris, Mr. Gray and Mr. Bensford are said to have the support of the Carpenters & Joiners Union of the Himmelberger-Harrison Mill, which is understood to control a bloc of about 200 votes.

## Young Democrats In Session Sunday

Young Democrats of Scott County met at Benton Sunday afternoon and after endorsing both National and State administrations selected the following delegates to represent Scott County at the meeting of Young Democrats at Kansas City Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th:

Richland Township—Chas. H. French, David E. Blanton, Charles Bethune, N. E. Fuchs, Jr., Robert A. Dempster, Mrs. Conly Purcell, Mrs. Walter Ancell, Miss Clara Trousdale, Lee Johnson (col.), Fred Campbell, (col.).

Kelso—Truman Hall, Otto Schoen, L. D. Lankford, Allen Hubbard, Mr. Gettings, Raymond Humphrey, William O. Donnell, Mrs. Lucille Reinelog, Mrs. T. L. Huggins, Miss Motel Munger.

Sandywoods—Ross Lemmons, Mrs. Harold Cope.

Moreland—Joe Anderson, Hess Porter.

Sylvania—Geo. Vogel, Clyde Poe, Mrs. Hazel Bryeans.

Morley—A. R. Edmondson, Miss Polly McDonald.

Commerce—Mrs. Ralph Darby. Allen Hubbard was selected to head the delegation.

## COUNTRY CLUB SANDWICH SHOPPE REOPENED

John James of Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., and "Toots" Nall have reopened the Nall Country Club Sandwich Shoppe and will feature all kinds of sandwiches, including pit barbecue, fish sandwiches, Kentucky ham sandwiches, short orders and five per cent beer at low prices. Curb service with plenty of parking space is offered. They have employed an expert negro barbecue cook formerly at a downtown cafe. Crappie fish dinners will be served Reelfoot Lake style.

## LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet this Tuesday evening the home of Mrs. Robley Lennox with Mrs. Wm. Foley as assistant hostess. All members please be present.

## SCHUCHART-BRANUM WEDDING SATURDAY



The marriage of Miss Alma Branum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Branum, and Emil Schuchart, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Schuchart of Morehouse, was solemnized at a nuptial mass Saturday morning at the St. Francis Xavier Church with the Rev. J. O'Neill officiating.

The altar was banked with palms, Easter lilies and white carnations and white candles were lighted in the altar candelabra.

The bride was gowned in white satin, fashioned with a long full skirt which swept into a train. The bodice had long, tight sleeves and the high neck line was trimmed with pearl clips. The bridal bouquet was of calla lilies.

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## SCOTT COUNTY

We are authorized to announce on the Democratic Ticket subject to the will of the voter at the August Primary as candidates for:

### CIRCUIT JUDGE

M. E. MONTGOMERY  
FRANK KELLY  
J. C. McDOWELL

### FOR STATE SENATOR (23rd Senatorial District)

L. D. JOSLYN  
MILO G. GRESHAM

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

LYNN A. ANCELL

### FOR SHERIFF

JOHN HOBBS

### FOR CONSTABLE

TED KIRBY  
WALTER HUGHES

## NEW MADRID COUNTY

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

J. W. DAUGHERTY

We are authorized to announce subject to the will of the voters in the April Election for the City of Sikeston as candidates for:

### CITY COLLECTOR

JOE MATHIS

### POLICE JUDGE

BROWN JEWELL  
DAL HARNES

### CITY ATTORNEY

BOB DEMPSTER  
CONLEY PURCELL

## ALDERMAN, WARD ONE

C. H. BUTLER

## ALDERMAN, WARD TWO

FRANK MILLER

## ALDERMAN, WARD THREE

GUST ZACHER

## ALDERMAN, WARD FOUR

T. F. RAFFERTY

Is the Republican Party friendly to the farmer? Congressman Phil Ferguson of Oklahoma answered that query during the last regular Congress. In part he said: "The Republicans at this whole session of Congress have tried to cripple the farm program on every important measure before the House. On March 28, 140 Republicans—almost the entire Republican membership—voted against any parity payments to farmers. This same group voted solidly against sending the bill to conference and again 140 Republicans refused to agree to parity payments when the bill came back from conference for final passage. Three times the Republican party en masse said to the farmers of the Nation: 'We are opposed to any farm program!'"

The Republicans of Missouri forget easily. They are now berating the Democratic State Administration for its conduct of Missouri's financial affairs. They fail to remember that when Governor Caulfield retired from office he left more than a million dollars in unpaid bills for his Democratic successor to pay off. The elephant has ever been long on talk and short on performance.

The Democratic Party is the woman's party. Women are primarily interested in good schools for their children, decent homes in which to live, nourishing food, adequate medical care, ample playgrounds for the little tots, a job for Dad, security in old age and a reasonable standard of living. These objectives sought by women are the objectives of the Democratic Party.

Being in power centers public attention on alleged Democratic differences and tends to magnify their seriousness. And conversely nothing save their being out of power and of little interest to the public generally conceals the bitter discord, dissension and division in Republican ranks both in Missouri and throughout the Nation. The leadership of the Republican Party, if there be any worthy



WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE: John Webb, a crusading attorney who, with his partner Gus Sampson, is fighting to break the hold of Vincent Cushing's graft ring on the state highway contracts, is "framed" by Cushing's police friends for two mysterious murders. As if this were not enough trouble, he is also harried by the jealousy of Ann Seymour, a cute but light-headed little night club entertainer who is in love with him. Temporarily released on a writ of habeas corpus, Webb discovers that Cushing knows something about a past murder in a little Texas town which would throw light on the crimes of which Webb is suspected. He and Sampson decide to fly to Texas to investigate; but a few hours before they are to depart, Ann is menaced by Sampson with the same knife that killed the two women Webb is suspected of having murdered.

## Chapter Six

Morganville, Texas snored in its midnight stupor as the two partners alighted from their special plane, hired decrepit car from the local service station, and trundled out to the cemetery. On the way Webb explained to his friend the theory behind the visit. They knew that Alma's murderer had once lived in this town and murdered her father there. If the murderer had relatives buried in the



"Sorry, chum," said Rus quietly. "I thought I could scare you off."

little community, which was very likely, a gravestone would give the telltale name. All they need do was keep their eyes peeled for a Cushing, a Godena, or perhaps a Taylor.

The cemetery was no darker than a graveyard at midnight should be. It only seemed blacker. A few black nightbirds whizzed about their heads, screaming hoarsely.

"You take that row over there," suggested Webb, "and I'll take this one. Watch the names on the stones."

Rus Sampson complied. As he scanned the headstones, his jaw tightened at sight of an inscription on one of them:

SAMPSON SMITH  
Born 1886 - Died 1930  
Close by it was another:

AIMEE SMITH  
Née AIMEE RUSSELL  
Beloved Wife of  
SAMPSON SMITH

His face set grimly. His eyes became like little beads. He reached inside his coat.

Webb, with an involuntary yell, felt the knife plunge into his arm. He gritted his teeth and pulled it out. Rus was at his side in a moment, asking solicitous questions. Was Webb hurt badly? Had he seen what his assailant looked like? Webb shook his head, reeling unsteadily.

"Come on," said Rus. "We'd better get you into town."

Webb went to his office early the next morning. He had promised to surrender to Commissioner Fromm by noon.

Rus was already sitting at his desk in a characteristic posture, feet up on the desk, strumming on his guitar. Webb informed him that he had some new ideas on the solution of the murders.

"For example, I've been wondering how the murderer found out we were going to that cemetery last night. None of the suspects knew our destination. Ann didn't know, and besides, she thought you were the murderer."

THE END.

of that designation, agrees only upon one subject—opposition to the Democratic Party. They want the Democrats out so that they can get in. On all else they are at sea, as silent as the tomb, without an intelligent policy or a cohesive program. They are of different mind, as far apart in their views as the poles, and so filled with envy and dislike each of the other that they avoid personal contact, and only speak when not to do so would call attention to their enmity.

The newcomers despise the old guard and the old guard jeers at the newcomers. This group is antagonistic to that group, and that faction to this, so that the entire Republican Party in the Nation today is a seething cauldron of disruption and discontent, hopelessly divided and locked in an inter-party death struggle in every State of the Union.

Truly the cause of the G. O. P. was never more precarious or more forlorn than now. Civil War has torn it asunder, and the tents of countless rival camps dot the landscape from ocean to ocean.

Its leadership is busy stabbing one another in the back while the rank and file of the party expresses no concern and voices no regret.

In their greed for power and lust for place, however, the Republican chieftains, have aroused some semblance of interest and enthusiasm in a frenzied attempt to advance their own drooping cause by enlarging and capitalizing upon Democratic honest differences of opinion.

Up and down the land they are joyously parading, in Missouri and in every State, blaring forth the fond hope of a return to power in 1940. They base this expectation not upon any solution of the country's pressing problems, not upon any program designed to create more favorable business conditions and make our people more happy and prosperous, not upon any policy looking toward security and the greatest good for the greatest number, not upon any gifted leadership with a panacea for all our ills—but solely upon a magnified mutiny aboard the Democratic ship of state, upon

Democratic differences and division.

And while they howl in wild delirium and lick their lips in glorious anticipation of another feast at the pie counter, their own little rowboat is sinking. Herbert Hoover has one oar and Alf Landon the other and each are pulling in a different direction. John Hamilton and Glenn Frank are bailing frantically, but envy and discord and indifference and indecision already have pulled the plug and soon the angry waters will roar above a sunken ship.

While the Republicans are eagerly watching a rubbish fire in the Democratic basement, their own house is burning down. Nero had nothing on the old G. O. P.—it also is fiddling as its cause dies.

Tom-tom beaters for the G. O. P. have streamlined their wares and oiled their sales talks—but it's the same old quack remedy in the bottle.

The metropolitan press of Missouri has long been loud in its condemnation of Democratic emergency spending, both by the national and state administrations. Great was its wail of complaint, however, when an attempt was made by the present regime at Jefferson City to curtail relief expenditures in order to insure a balanced state budget. Raving and ranting and gnashing its teeth, the city press heaped severe abuse and criticism upon the heads of state officials because of the curtailment and indignantly demanded a special session of the State Legislature to appropriate additional relief funds. It was a strange picture that was presented—a picture of the metropolitan press up in arms and on the war-path because Missouri was not spending enough for relief purposes. Having bitterly opposed public spending for years, the press suddenly found itself in the position of urging even greater spending—and it clothed itself in sanctimonious robes and assumed a holier than thou attitude in so doing. Had not the seriousness of the situation been so acute, the incident would have been amusing. To the man on the street it would appear as if the Democratic Party is condemned if it does spend and condemned if it doesn't. The opposition condemns it for public spending and then tears its hair if it stops. All of which is in line with the traditional logic and consistency of the Grand Old Party.

In their 1937 operations, fishermen of the Canadian province of Manitoba used 166 power boats and 764 skiffs and canoes.

Gatesville, Tex., March 26.—A series of underground caves which might rival the famed Carlsbad caverns in extent if not in natural splendor has been discovered south of Gatesville, in central Texas.

C. C. Williams, Coryell County farmer, disclosed today that he had made some tentative exploration of the caves and found they extended at least eighteen miles in one direction and were more than 200 feet deep.

The subterranean chambers have about twenty outlets in the hills of the area and contain objects which might be evidence of human habitation centuries ago.

Texas University scientists who examined nine teeth, each about four inches long, classified them as camel's teeth, Williams said. Whether they were the remains of some prehistoric animal or possibly another reminder of the day when camels were introduced experimentally in Texas as beasts of burden, the discoverer doesn't know.

Other discoveries include carvings of a woman and baby, carvings of men's and women's legs and unexplained symbols.

## STATE CAPITOL

### NEWS REEL

Twenty-three persons were killed on Missouri highways during February, four less than in February of 1939, the State Highway Department has announced. . . . Governor Stark has proclaimed May 12 as "Hospital Day" in Missouri and asks all citizens of the State to participate in such local observances of the day as may be arranged in their respective communities. . . . The Fulton State Hospital has reached a new population record of 2404 patients housed there, an increase of 1077 since 1921. Sergt. J. F. Shaw of Highway Patrol Troop C at Kirkswood has been promoted to the rank of captain and has taken over command of Troop F, at Jefferson City, Acting Patrol Superintendent A. D. Sheppard has announced. . . . Officials of Missouri's six eleemosynary institutions have been instructed to curtail expenditures in order to stay within appropriations for the 1939-40 biennium. . . . The Federal government has announced grants to Missouri of \$2,225,578 for old-age assistance and \$423,877 for aid to dependent children. . . . Governor Stark in a letter to Congressman John J. Cochran of Missouri has urged a larger WPA appropriation for the State as a means of offsetting an approaching crisis in Missouri's direct relief finances.

The PT-6 was the first boat launched under the \$5,000,000 building program authorized by Congress last year to perfect a speedy craft capable of challenging an invading fleet by the use of torpedoes launched at high speed.

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## NEWEST U. S. TORPEDO BOAT GIVEN FIRST SPEED TEST

New Orleans, March 27.—The PT-6, Uncle Sam's newest type torpedo boat for offshore defense work, thundered along at 46 miles an hour yesterday in its first speed test, and then was prepared for grueling trials on the Gulf of Mexico.

Naval experts watched the heavily powered, 81-foot craft slash across Lake Pontchartrain, termed its performance "satisfactory" and hinted the boat might be superior to anything used by foreign Powers. It was explained the new motors were not broken in and no attempt was made to reach theoretical maximum speed of 60 miles.

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## Congress to Give Thorough Study of Forestry Conservation Legislation

Washington, D. C.—For more than a year and a half hearings have been held all over the country for the purpose of determining if the nation's forest lands can be managed to the greater benefit of wildlife and timber resources. These hearings will be terminated in the very near future in Washington, D. C., when officials of the U. S. Forest Service appear before the Joint Forestry Committee of House and Senate of which Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama is chairman.

This Committee was appointed in 1938 upon the recommendation of President Roosevelt. It was authorized and directed to investigate the present and prospective relation of forest lands to a balanced timber budget, watershed protection, flood control, wildlife and other social and economic benefits which may be derived from such lands. To that end the Committee has already held hearings in eight forest regions of the United States.

Senator Bankhead points out that since America was founded, more than a hundred billion dollars worth of forest products have provided one of the great natural subsidies which the natural resources of this continent have contributed to the advancement of American civilization. The United States today uses about two-fifths of all the wood consumed in the world, and chemists are constantly finding newer uses for wood products.

In a recent interview by officials of the National Wildlife Federation, Senator Bankhead said: "Our forests and wild lands are so distributed that dividends from their adequate and sustained management can reach the remotest hamlet, North, South, East and West. These forest lands have been 'shock-absorbers' for economic dips and depressions in the past. They can continue to be of the greatest value if they are conserved and wisely used."

The wildlife possibilities of our forest lands are not to be neglected. Senator Bankhead expressed himself as being fully aware that since the timber areas of America furnish food and shelter for much of our remaining big game, all plans for future management must include programs for sustaining deer, elk, bear and other species of big game animals.

Senator Bankhead also said: "Forest lands are absolutely essential for the prevention of erosion and for flood control as well as for water conservation for irrigation and navigation purposes."

The Joint Forestry Committee has been studying the adequacy and effectiveness of present cooperative Federal and State activities in protecting public and private lands from fire, insects and diseases, as well as measures which may be necessary to insure that timber cropping on privately

owned lands shall be conducted as a continuously productive operative operation in accordance with broad public interests. Many parts of the country have experienced a rapid growth and decline of the forest industry as a result of cutting practices which have not been geared to the productive capacity of the land. Tax delinquency in some areas has followed widespread excessive cutting on land chiefly valuable for timber production.

Officials of the Forest Service have advised the National Wildlife Federation that in the forthcoming hearings the problem of fire control will be chiefly stressed. It was pointed out that despite the great advances made in forest fire fighting during the last decade, the losses still average around fifty million dollars annually. Today more than one-quarter of our forest area is privately owned. It is in these areas that more than 90 per cent of the nation's fires occur.

The present set-up in fire fighting is arranged so that the Federal Government and the various states split the bill between them. It is estimated that eighteen million dollars yearly is needed to adequately protect our timber lands. Up to now the largest appropriation to the Forest Service for fire fighting has been \$1,700,000—far below the amount needed to do a thorough job.

As fire is by far the greatest destructive agent of our forest lands, the Forest Service plans to set forth strong recommendations to the Joint Forestry Committee for increased appropriations to combat and control this constant threat to one of our most important natural resources.

Since the summer of 1938, regional hearings have been held in the following locations: Sun Valley, Idaho; Jacksonville, Florida; Washington, District of Columbia; Syracuse, New York; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco, California; Mobile, Alabama, and Madison, Wisconsin.

Testimony was presented by the American Pulp and Paper Association; National Lumber Manufacturers' Association; West Texas Chamber of Commerce; National Grange; National Farm Bureau Federation; T. V. A.; Secretary Wallace; Agricultural Extension Bureau; Soil Conservation Service; Society of American Foresters; American Federation of Labor; C. I. O.; Federal Housing Administration; Federation of Women's Clubs; Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Office of Education; Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs; Department of Justice and the U. S. Forest Service.

Based on such widespread interest in the future of our forests and their management as evidenced by the testimony presented, Senator Bankhead expects that progressive legislation on timber practice will be forthcoming from Congress.

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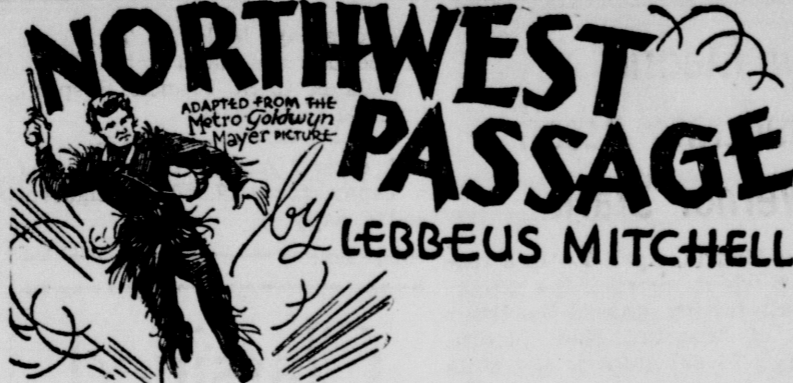
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### Chapter Four FLIGHT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

The first day's march towards Lake Memphramog was one of long agony to Langdon, supported by Billy, the name he had given to the Indian boy he had saved from death, and by Jennie Coit, the white prisoner of the Abenaki, freed against her will. Of his own will, he would have awaited death at the burned Indian village, but Major Rogers had urged him on with references to the pretty girl at home whose portraits were scattered through his sketch book.

At the end of the first day's march, Hank Marriner and Beacham hurried back to assist the lag-

The moon rose as Rogers, Konkapot and the Indian called Jacobs drifted through the forest about the lake's edge. Suddenly Rogers stopped and stared at the ground. There was a moccasin track in the sand.

"See the star-shaped patch in the moccasin track?" he whispered to Jacobs. "That moccasin belonged to Webster."

"The man left behind in the swamp," said Jacobs, nodding. "Same French-Indian that kill Webster, they come here, too."

The grumbling of the half-starved men had reached a stage near rebellion when Rogers and the Indians returned to camp at dawn.

"Major," said Captain Ogden, "we been talking things over, and if we can't hunt and fish here, we think we ought to hold an officers' council and take a vote on what's the best thing to do."

"That's regulations if you want it that way," replied Rogers, and told of discovering the foot-print made by Webster's moccasin. "I vote to get on to Fort Wentworth as quick as we can."

"My men are starving," interposed Captain Dunbar. "If we don't find something to eat quick, we won't get anywhere. The men seem to think they'll be all right if they split up into several parties and hunt for game in the woods."

"Farrington," said Rogers, "your men grumbling, too?"

"Not grumbling; they just want a little food. Game's scarce, and a big party like this would scare away any that's left."

"A hungry man can keep going a lot longer than he thinks he can



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ging wounded man, with a bullet hole low in his ribs. Hank ordered Jennie to rejoin the women, while Beacham helped Langdon into camp.

"I'm going to fix his bandages," said Jenny defiantly.

"Go on! Get out of here!" Hank took her arm to push her, and received a blow from her fist that staggered him.

"Here, you minx!" said Rogers, striding back to them. "Don't start raising Cain or I'll turn you loose in the woods."

"Go ahead, turn me loose! And turn him loose, too, why don't you? Maybe I could find a cow-moose to lick his bullet hole clean. It's got to be washed. He's got to have bandages."

"Some of us could carry him," suggested Hank. "Cut poles and stretch a blanket."

"I won't do it!" Langdon muttered weakly. "I'll be all right if I can stay on my feet."

Rogers straightened up from examining Langdon's wound. "He's right," he said. "If he lets us carry him he'll be like a baby for weeks. You walked fifteen miles today, Langdon. If you could do that you can go anywhere."

"How far is it to Memphramog?" asked Langdon.

"Ask that girl. She's going to take care of you."

Jennie Coit gave the departing Major one swift look, then set about bandaging Langdon's wound.

It took ten days of forced traveling to reach the hill overlooking Lake Memphramog. When it's inviting waters came into sight, the Rangers started to pour down the slope, but halted at a stern order from Major Rogers.

"We were just going to catch a mess of trout for supper," expostulated Peake.

"You'll get a mess of French lead and hatchets for supper, more likely. You're worse than raw Redcoats. If that French commander who found our boats has guessed we made a bee-line for Memphramog, he's made a bee-line here, too. I'm going down to the lake with the Indians to have a look. The rest of you are going to wait right here until I come back."

The men still grumbled, but they had had nothing to eat but corn for days, but they obeyed.

Will the half-starved Rangers win through to Ft. Wentworth? Will they find food awaiting them? Read the conclusion of this story of high adventure in tomorrow's issue.

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### HYENA GETS LOOSE IN RAIL CAR; ROUTS BAGGAGE CLERK

Louisiana, Mo., March 28.—Irwin Kirby, baggage man on the Burlington fast mail which is due to pass through here at 1:41 a. m. had a crated hyena for a companion on his trip the other night. That is, it was crated until it gnawed its way free. That made it more of a companion than Kirby cared for. He borrowed a small pistol from a mail clerk and peppered it until all the bullets were gone. The hyena only laughed.

When, becoming impatient with the bombardment, the hyena advanced, Kirby retreated to the

hand rails on the outside of the car and rode there until the train stopped here. Then he borrowed a good revolver from Policeman Earl Patrick and fired a few more shots at it. The hyena only widened its grin.

The train proceeded and at last reports the animal was still in possession of the baggage car. Whether the bullets missed or it didn't mind them has not been made clear.

The French horn was invented in Italy, not France. The instrument contains between 16 and 23 feet of brass tube, and is one of the most difficult wind instruments to play.

## Group Named for Highway Program

Jefferson City, March 28.—A five-man committee to help work out a compromise highway program for this year's general election was appointed today by Col. Claude S. Earp, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

The committee was assigned the task of "aiding in drafting a plan for developing and financing Missouri's highways."

It will meet next Thursday with a Road Planning Committee, headed by Judge E. S. Bond of the Cole County Court, which submitted a highway plan to the commission last fall calling for a one-cent hike in the two-cent gasoline tax. That plan would split the additional penny between cities and counties.

### PROPOSAL SUPPORTED

The proposal has the support of William Hirth, Columbia farm leader, the County Judges' Association, the Missouri Automobile Club and the Petroleum Industries' Committee.

Earp said he hoped today's committee, with other groups, could "formulate a plan which will be approved by all interested in developing a state-wide highway program of state and local roads, based largely on the recent report of the state highway planning survey."

That survey stressed a need for more road construction without setting up any method for increasing revenue. The commission never has acted on the plan backed by the Hirth group.

R. S. Brownlee of Brookfield, president of the Citizens' Road Association, which backed the defeated "proposition six" road plan two years ago, was named on today's committee.

Others who will serve with him are R. M. Bristol, representing the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce; Charles Ferguson of Willow Springs, representing the Ozark area; Alexander W. Graham, Kansas City Postmaster, representing the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri; Harry McPherson, representing the St. Joseph

Chamber of Commerce and the St. Joseph Automobile Club.

Earp's action followed a request from the Bond-Hirth group although the Citizens' Road Association March 9 urged appointment of "a committee of fair-minded citizens who should attempt to decide between contending groups the kind of a sound

highway program, if any, to submit to the voters next fall."

That request, made in a letter, declared "delay in an attempt by the Highway Commission to get all parties together adds confusion to the development of an impartial highway policy for which the need today is greater than ever before."

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A Democratic snip, a pee-wee, a small man in a big place, are three nice handles to put in front of a prominent citizen's name, but that is the way some folks talk when they get peeved.

Highway employees were notified last Thursday that they must keep out of politics. In about two more years, if this mania for outlawing political activities continues, it will be a misdemeanor to belong to a political party. And, believe it or not, all the righteous indignation against party workers who would have remained in private life except for men who hustled up the votes which elected them. No democracy can function without parties. No parties can function without workers. All this hurrah about promoting pure politics by depriving job-holders of their right to take part in political campaigns sounds good, but it really doesn't mean anything.—Paris Appeal.

Our Mr. Ed Edelen left Monday morning for Arizona seeking a cure for nasal troubles that required a dry climate. He will probably be absent for several months and in the meantime The Standard's news columns will be supplied by the office force unless we can secure a reporter until the return of Mr. Edelen.

Last Thanksgiving Day William Northington caught a sail fish off the coast of Florida that weighed 45 pounds and about 6 feet long. Friday the fish, mounted and shipped to Sikeston was received and placed on exhibition at the home on North Kingshighway. The Standard editor viewed the embalmed remains and pronounce it a beautiful corpse and fit to grace any man's den.

## CENSUS TAKERS START TODAY

Eight census enumerators will start work in the city of Sikeston this (Tuesday) morning. W. G. Wicker federal census supervisor of the Tenth Congressional District, has appointed the following workers for the local work: Ward 1, south of Tanner Street; Mrs. Pauline Rankin; Ward 1, north of Tanner Street, Katherine Blanton; Ward 2, south of North St., Ray Wisdom; Ward 2, north of North St., Mrs. Roy P. Basler; Ward 4, north of Kathleen, Mrs. Dal Harnes; Ward 4, south of Kathleen, Mrs. Ruby Harnes; Ward 3, west of School St., Mrs. W. S. Smith; Ward 3, east of School St., Mrs. W. O. Lasley; west of Highway 61 in Richland Township, Rev. P. Basler; east of Highway 61, outside of Crowder and Sikeston, Paul Rankin.

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hinkle and children, Anita and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rice and Bernard were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whittington of Piggott, Ark., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook and son, Billy, accompanied by Mrs. Cook's father, Judge W. H. Carter, came from Carbondale, Ill., last Friday to spend the day with relatives. Judge Carter remained for an extended visit in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter.

Miss Janet Ross and Mrs. Slack of St. Louis were guests of Miss Almo Harris Sunday en route to their after a trip to New Orleans, La.

Mrs. J. E. Hetherington of Cody, New Brunswick, Canada, arrived last Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Coleman Jr., and Mrs. T. C. McClure for several weeks. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. McClure met their mother in St. Louis.

Mrs. Claud Frizzel of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dunagan. Mr. Frizzel spent the week end in the Dunagan home. Mrs. Bond Wilkison of Kennett, also was a guest of Mrs. Dunagan Saturday.

The condition of John Simler, who has been ill for two weeks, is slightly improved. His daughter, Mrs. Fred Bowman of Chicago, is still here. Other guests in the Simler home last week end were Mr. Simler's sister, Mrs. Clara Elders, son, Henry, and daughter, Mrs. Duke Heather, of Tamm, Ill.

## WARN PENSIONERS TO BEWARE OF FRAUDS

Old age pensioners were warned this week by attorney general Roy McKittrick to beware of persons who claim they have been sent by the federal government to fit pensioners for eyeglasses.

Complaints received at the attorney general's office said pensioners have been paying five or six dollars for spectacles after being examined and fitted by men claiming to be sent by the federal government.

An investigation of the name and Jefferson City address given by one such "representative" showed that not only was his office fictitious but his name is not listed among the state's licensed optometrists.

The Social Security Commission at Jefferson City says it knows of no such program conducted by the federal government.

McKittrick told pensioners to investigate and see the credentials of such "representatives" of the federal government before paying out money for glasses, and report to the county prosecuting attorney.

## FARMER KILLS SELF

Greenville, Mo., March 26.—Fred Lunyow, 29, farm laborer, ended his life with a rifle in the woods near the home of Richard Boyer late yesterday. Coroner A. F. Wagner of Wayne County said Lunyow had been despondent for some time.

To the horrors of the hangover was added another worry. The Illinois Division of Placement and Unemployment Compensation ruled that frequent over-indulgence in liquor outside working hours constitutes misconduct in employment and makes the drinker liable to a compensation penalty if he is discharged for "hangover inefficiency."

## Blond Girls From Stephens Have Mexican Lads a-Dither

By Margaret Plummer Richards.  
 Mexico City, March 28.—Any doubt that Mexicans also prefer blonds was dispelled here this week when those "beautiful girls from north of the Rio Grande," the 513 students from Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., invaded the city and took over two hotels. Brunets, like myself, are a dime a dozen in Mexico City. I discovered, but the girls with golden hair have the Mexican youths big-eyed and open-mouthed. But not speechless. Boys are boys here or back home. They obey that impulse and while you can't understand what they say you know its the equivalent of "Hiya babe, busy?"

Such overtures, however, are frowned upon by the Stephens officials, who hold that their girls should be seen and admired only. Dates may be had only with permission from parents and one girl had to obtain telegraphic approval from her mother in Michigan to date the son of her father's old Harvard classmate. A Yale man said he could understand.

A man could break out of prison more easily than he could get onto

one of the hotel floors reserved for the girls. Not even bellhops are allowed.

This isolation exists in the two leading hotels, where the girls have the run of their reserved floors, exclusive rights to the main dining rooms and the attention of every homesick gringo and weary traveler. Five hundred girls, all under 20 and schooled in the graces can arouse a lot of enthusiasm.

There are numerous restrictions—no clucking hen ever watched her brood more closely than the Stephens chaperones—but the girls have plenty of fun. Federal police escort them on tours and tell the young native men to "andale," which sounds like "get along with you, now," and means the same. There have been trips to the bull fight, the shrines and that mountain with the impossible name.

Today the girls are packing their 1,800 pieces of luggage and this evening the party, aboard its three special trains, starts the trip home. We go by way of Baton Rouge, and there's a dance at the University of Louisiana on the schedule.

## Rise of Veneral Disease Clinic Given in Report

Rapid growth of the State Board of Health's syphilis control unit in Southeast Missouri, which has headquarters at Sikeston, is related in a detailed report of progress and obstacles for the year 1939, just issued by the staff.

Dr. E. A. Belden is head of the unit, and he is assisted by Lillian McDonald and Louise Howerton, registered nurses, and Jack Woodson, clerk. All live here.

The Sikeston clinic, established in the summer of 1937, has offices on the second floor of the City Hall furnished by the city. An average of 60 patients, with a maximum of 80, are received each Saturday. The number of infectious patients is relatively low, and so is the number of delinquents, the report states. The ration of new admissions to treatments is also low, as at Cape Girardeau. At Sikeston, there are three negro patients for every white one.

Oddly enough, white-negro ratios varies widely throughout the unit's Southeast Missouri clinics. At Poplar Bluff, white patients predominate 4 to 1, while negroes are in the majority by the same proportion at Charleston. At Cape Girardeau, as might be expected, whites exceed negroes 3 to 1, but Caruthersville serves only two negroes to each white.

In December the unit received a mobile clinic, a bus equipped for treating small numbers of patients in smaller centers.

A main obstacle is time. Clinic hours at times must be extended to accommodate all callers, so that slide examinations by microscope, a tedious task to determine more accurately if the patient is infected, must be done after hours. Malaria in some instances affected the blood to an extent that syphilis tests were uncertain. Cold

weather reduces attendance, although rain increases it. Delinquents are served through a follow-up system of visiting nurses, so that previous efforts do not go to waste.

## SENATOR ROBERTS IN RACE FOR TREASURER

Jefferson City, March 30.—State Senator T. E. (Tex) Roberts, editor and publisher of a Democratic newspaper at Diamond, has announced his candidacy for his party's nomination for the office of state treasurer. He is the youngest member of the upper house of the Missouri legislature.

Before entering the senate in 1938, Roberts served two terms in the House of Representatives from Newton county, and in 1937, was state president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Missouri, Inc. He opens his campaign at the state convention of that organization in Kansas City this week.

## TRAIN CARRYING STEPHENS COLLEGE GIRLS IS DERAILED

Mexico City, March 30.—The first of three trains carrying 500 Stephens College girls from Columbia, Mo., homeward from a Mexican vacation near San Luis Potosi today, but it was understood none of the girls were hurt. The engine, the tender and a car carrying the soldier escort which rides all Mexican passenger trains left the rails.

The train was put back on the tracks and passed through San Luis Potosi at 10:30 a. m. James Wood, president of Stephens College, was among the passengers aboard it.

The college girls were heading for a visit to Corpus Christi, Tex., where they were due Sunday, after a week's visit in Mexico City.

Reports from the Ural Mountain region said that one of the world's largest diamond fields had been discovered. The Soviet Academy of Sciences is sending an expedition to survey and map the field and to begin exploitation.

## New Madrid Democrats Assail Governor Stark

New Madrid, April 1.—In a resolution which charged the governor with having ignored the Democrats of Missouri, New Madrid County's 24 delegates to the state Democratic convention in St. Louis were instructed Saturday "to oppose any and everything that is desired by Gov. Lloyd C. Stark." The delegation was pledged to work for an uninstructed Missouri delegation headed by Sen. Bennett C. Clark, to the national convention. In an outspoken resolution, New Madrid County Democrats declared Stark "is not deserving of any Democratic support" because he "has ignored the Democrats of Missouri."

## Stark and Clark In Close Contest

Jefferson City, March 30.—Missouri Democrats for the most part will go uninstructed to the state party convention in St. Louis April 15, reports from county sessions held today indicated.

Heading the list of uninstructed delegations were the two largest of the state—those from St. Louis and Kansas City.

Three county conventinos—Barry, Jasper and Harrison—endorsed President Roosevelt for a third term.

The results of the county meetings were not conclusive enough to show a definite trend toward either Gov. Lloyd C. Stark or Senator Bennett C. Clark, engaged in a fight to control the state's national delegation. Early reports showed each with at least four county groups definitely aligned to them.

The Jackson, Cole, Buchanan and Saline delegations were counted in the Clark camp, while Barry, Monroe, Audrain and Clay County groups voted to support Stark. Several other delegations were reported about evenly divided, but most of them were uninstructed.

Some political observers in Kansas City said it was foregone that Jackson County's 505 delegates would support Clark, since the Pendergast organization, in control of the county convention, is extremely unfriendly to the Governor.

## AMBULANCE TRIPS

Mrs. Gazelle Taylor was returned to her home on Greer in the Welsh ambulance last Friday from Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau.

## For Sale

80-acre farm, possession now.  
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Wednesday, Malcolm Twitty of Morehouse was taken in the Welsh ambulance to St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

A cigaret factory in Persia has a capacity of 12,000,000 cigarets rolled daily.

## Classified

WANTED—Reliable woman wants light housework in small family or adults. Call at 315 Harris St. Phone 965. 1t-57

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 547. 1t-56

HOUSE FOR RENT—Corner Wakefield and Vernon. 4-rooms and bath, basement, furnace and garage. Call 165 or 716. 1t-56p

FOR RENT—Modern unfurnished 4-room apartment. Inquire Malone Apartments, Phone 207. 1t-56

WANTED—Girl interested in working in exchange for Beauty course and operator's license within six months. Vincent's Beauty School, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 2t-56p

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LOST—Lady's black leather purse. Reward. Return to Arcade Pool Room. 1t-56p

FOR SALE—Four choice building lots on William Street. David Blanton. Phone 473. 4t-56F

FOR RENT—Sleeping room. Furnace heat. Private entrance. 519 Gladys. 1t-51

FOR RENT—2-room furnished apartment, modern. 214 Dorothy, Phone 565. 1t-51

WANTED—Signs, upholstering, refinishing work to do. Phone 171. Guy E. Suvers. 1t-17

FOR RENT—Newly decorated office rooms in the Miley Building. Phone 178. 1t-58

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FOR RENT—Steam heated light housekeeping room. Call 902. 1t-43

FOR RENT—2-room unfurnished apartment, 233 Tanner. Phone 418. 1t-57

NEVER PAY MONEY TO AN itinerant door-to-door sales person. Many housewives have made cash deposits on merchandise orders, and have lost the entire sum. Insist on proper credentials. An honest sales person will be glad to prove his trustworthiness. 1t-57

IF PARENTS COULD KNOW how many diseases are directly caused by bad teeth, the argument for a regular dental examination would be entirely unnecessary. Your child should visit a dentist once every quarter. 1t-57


ROOM FOR RENT—Modern, private bath, 247 N. Ranney. 1t-57

FOR RENT—Large furnished room for housekeeping or sleeping room, married couple or girls. 224 N. Prairie, Phone 510. 2t-57

FOR SALE—1936 Ford Tudor Sedan, good condition, good tires. Alva F. Vaughn, Phone 543-J. 1t-57

FOR SALE—10 tons of planting seed, well cured and cared for, one and two years from the origination. Variety Stoneville 4-A and D. P. L. first year from origination. Joe Crouters, 6 miles south of Sikeston at Champion Elevator, Post Office, Sikeston; Phone Rural 2220, Sikeston. 1t-57

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FOR RENT—2 office rooms over North Kroger; also 3-room unfurnished apartment back of Cities Service Station. 1t-57

FOR SALE—Baby. Grand Steinway piano. Good as new. 4 years old. A. B. Gilliland, Charleston, Mo. 2t-57p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. 414 Prosperity. 1t-57

FOR RENT—2-room furnished apartment. Mrs. J. W. Schreff. Phone 102. 1t-57

FOR RENT—3-room apartment, modern. 101 West Gladys. Phone 882. 1t-57

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## West Bros. Carnival Is Coming Attraction

West Brothers Shows are billed in Sikeston for one week commencing April 8 and ending April 14.

Many new features have been added to the show this season. New decorations and beautiful fronts add considerable beauty to the show, as well as 10 deluxe shows and featured rides of high calibre, which are attracting more than average attention. A new advertising feature is also added this year, a merchant ticket which is getting very favorable attention. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are in charge of the sales of merchant tickets.

The show will be located on the Joyner lot on Highway 61 and sponsored through the auspices of the Sikeston Lions Club.

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Admission 10c and 26c  
Box Office open 6:30 to 9 p. m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6—

### "Billy the Kid Returns"

With Roy Rogers.  
SERIAL and SHORTS  
Matinee and Evening  
Admission 10c and 21c  
Box Office open 2 to 9 p. m.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY,  
APRIL 7-8

### "Green Hell"

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## Mrs. Garten Gives Impressive Review

Under the sponsorship of the Book Club, Mrs. Kathryn Turney Garten of Indianapolis, Ind., made a return appearance in Sikeston Sunday afternoon when she reviewed "The Bible Designed to Be Read as Living Literature" as arranged by Bates, before a large audience at the High School gymnasium.

Mrs. Garten told her listeners that all literature originated in the Bible and proved her assertion by dividing it into the four sections: history, drama, fiction and biography, and then, following an arranged continuity in each section, lifted a pageant of events, plots and characters from the Bible that were comparable to the ones of present day.

Talking for more than an hour on her subject, Mrs. Garten impressed her listeners with the great amount of reference work and exhaustive study she had put into her preparation for this review.

Concluding her talk with the biography of Christ, Mrs. Garten enacted the role of Mary, sister of Lazarus, and told the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection in a most dramatic monologue.

Mrs. Leroy Leslie introduced the speaker to the audience.

Following the review, Mrs. E. C. Matthews gave an informal tea at her home for members of the Book Club, Mrs. Garten and Mrs. L. Herrick of St. Louis, who accompanied Mrs. Garten to Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mariam spent last week end in St. Louis.

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## ASSUMES DUTIES AS NEW LIBRARIAN

Miss Beatrice Lenore Dobbins of Albuquerque, New Mexico, assumed the duties as librarian at the City library Monday morning, filling the post left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Blair Haymes. Miss Dobbins came to Sikeston from the City library in Albuquerque where she was general assistant. She is a graduate librarian and has had considerable experience in that field. Arriving here last Thursday, Miss Dobbins is located at the home of Mrs. Hazel Weltecke on Tanner Street.

## WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB TO MEET APRIL 2

Members of the Woman's Civic Club will meet this Tuesday afternoon at the Home of Mrs. Ralph Anderson for an organ recital given by Mrs. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. Paul Fink of Philadelphia, who will sing several numbers.

Hostesses will be Mrs. William Northington, Mrs. Charles Boyce and Mrs. Edgar Belden.

## GOES EAST TO INSURANCE SCHOOL

Charles Allen Cook left Thursday for Hartford, Connecticut, to take a six-weeks course in an insurance school conducted by the Travelers' Insurance Company. Upon his return, Mr. Cook will be associated with the C. L. Malone Insurance firm.

## YOUTHS PLEAD GUILTY TO CAR THEFT

Walker Faught, 19, and James Lloyd Wright, 16, of Memphis, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court at Jackson Friday to stealing an automobile and were sentenced to two years in Alcoa reformatory. The pair were captured three weeks ago near New Madrid by Trooper H. F. Wickham of Sikeston, who was forced to wound Wright slightly with a pistol shot to make the pair halt in the stolen car. They also admitted driving a stolen auto from Memphis to near Cape Girardeau.

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## CHILDREN HUNT EASTER EGGS

The Easter egg hunt for Sikeston children, which was planned for Easter Sunday and postponed because of the snow, was held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the Golf Course of the Sikeston Country Club.

Approximately 175 children were at the field, which was separated for two age divisions, 6 to 9 years and 9 to 12 years. The eggs were of candy and children were allowed to retain all they found, and in addition, prizes for finding the most were given to each age group.

The winners were: Group 6 to 9; first, Betty Ruth Mainord, 91 eggs; second, Lillian Ancell, 90 eggs; third, Mary Carolyn Pratt, 88 eggs. Group 9 to 12; first, Finis Couch, 111 eggs; second, Celeste Goade, 106 eggs; third, Marshall Bacon, 70 eggs.

The egg hunt was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

## PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL

Jim Lancaster of Noxall was taken in the Albritton ambulance to St. Francis Hospital at Cape Girardeau Monday morning for treatment for pneumonia.

Tommy Johnson of near McMullin was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in the Albritton ambulance Monday morning for treatment for a leg injury.

## ENTERS HOSPITAL

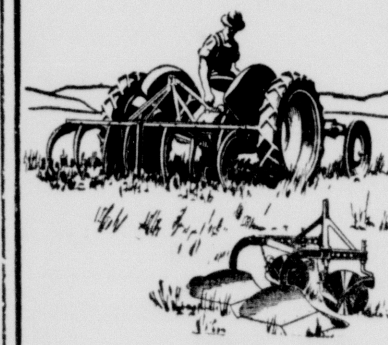
H. H. Bateman entered Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis Monday morning for observation and treatment. Mr. Bateman, an employee of the Missouri State Highway Department, has been ill since the first of the year. He was accompanied to St. Louis by his daughter, Miss Ruth Bateman.

## Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Lula Sparks, Administratrix of the estate of Richard Sparks, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 6th day of May, A. D. 1940.

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## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TRAINING SCHOOL

A training school for members of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will be held in Poplar Bluff, April 6 and 7, with classes in charge of Dr. Paul C. Brown, Field Secretary of Kansas City, Mo., and Al Schoenbech, State President.

Following is the program for the two days:

Saturday, April 6, 1940.  
2:00 p. m.—Registration, Christian Church.

3:30-3:45 p. m.—Devotional.  
3:50-5:00 p. m.—Classes:

1. District Union Officers, Duties. (a) How can the District officers help their Society officers? (b) What is expected of the society by the District officers?  
2. Ministers, Sponsors, and Society officers—Society Difficulties. (a) What can we do to help the church. (b) What can the church do to help up? (c) Membership Problems. (d) Program Problems.  
6:00 p. m.—Dinner at the Ozark Hotel, (corner of Poplar and 2nd).  
7:30-8:30 p. m.—Classes:

1. Administrative duties of the Society officers.

2. Program planning for 1940 by the District officers.

8:30-9:00 p. m.—Devotional.

9:00 p. m.—Recreational Period (High School Gym) "Be prepared to play".

Sunday, April 7, 1940.

7:30 a. m.—Breakfast at the Ozark Hotel.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School and Church of your own choice.

2:00 p. m.—Rally at the Christian Church. Chairman: Miss Helen Ponder.

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Schoenbech, State President, will have charge of the classes.

## ROSA LEE GRAHAM

Week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Graham of Matthews, died early Sunday morning. Brief services were held at the family home in Matthews Sunday afternoon with Rev. G. A. Hardin of Matthews officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery at Sikeston Albritton Service. No other children survive.

Sikeston Standard, \$2 per year.

Charles Allen Cook, of Sikeston, is in Hartford, Conn., attending a school of instruction to better prepare him for an insurance salesman. He is associated with the C. L. Malone Insurance Co. of this city.

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## LAIR STORE NEWS

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## HOORAY FOR SPRINGTIME

Buds swelling—Robins chirping—people smiling—fishin' worms comin' up—funny isn't it how signs of spring affect things in general 'Tis also surprising how seedy and onery old racked pieces of furniture-soiled floor coverings and frayed window shades appear when Mother Nature begins her spring parade. Up to the minute housekeepers who have the urge to keep step with Nature may find help by scanning our store news from week to week in local papers. By the way we have pages in our ledger for 150 more accounts with home owners in and around Sikeston. Our spring showing is outstanding. You should see it. It merits your attention.

## MY WORD FOR IT

On rather short notice it was decided a few weeks ago that I leave unfinished business—forget spring plans and other usually "important" items and hurry off to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis for repairs. Few if any patients really enjoy their stay in a hospital but on the other hand there is a world of satisfaction after an ordeal is over in receiving advice from an outstanding surgeon that everything seems to be O. K. and that further years of activity may reasonably be expected. But the point I want to get across in this paragraph is that on returning I find a marvelous change in the appearance of the store, office included. The force seems to have put on extra steam while I was away and have shown very plainly that they can get along better without me than they did with me—have shown me up so to speak. This is not merely a little prattle to please the boys but an actual fact. Naturally I am eager for people to call and look over the present best arranged furniture store that Sikeston has ever had in her history—which came about "through no fault of mine".

## NOT WITHIN 100 MILES

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There are many fatherless and motherless electric refrigerators to be found here and there over this territory. They were boldly advertised a few years ago as the "best ever" to a trusting public but their parents have long since "blown up" leaving owners and dealers to hold the bag. If expert service is needed on them 'tis merely too bad for owners because there is no recourse. Our experience in this line has been paid for hence our "cocksureness". The point is—don't invest your money in a refrigerator whose maker is not rated away up in the millions because it takes a lot of cash to build, market and service electric refrigerators. Frigidaires are made and backed by General Motors which Company every one knows is one of the financial giants of America. Besides—Frigidaire are lower in price this season than ever in history hence there can be no sign of a reason for experimenting on other brands. For instance a beautiful six cubic foot Frigidaire with the Meteriser may be had for \$114.75. Plenty of time to pay (up to 2½ or 3 years) on any model. The grandest Frigidaire showing between St. Louis and Memphis is in our store.

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## Old Instrument Used by Mound Builders, Found

Washington, March 26.—Accidental discovery near Kansas City of an almost intact specimen of an instrument with which the Hopewell people, mound building Indians of the middle west, made intricate geometric and other designs on pottery, was announced today by Smithsonian institution.

The instrument is a deer horn with notches out of its elliptical bottom so it constitutes a rattle.

"By rolling this over unbaked clay vessels the mound builder artist was able to produce easily designs which would have been very difficult to make with a stamp," said the institution.

H. M. Trowbridge of Kansas City made the discovery and sent the horn to the institution. Anthropologists said it was a solution of a problem over which there had been much controversy.

Dr. Waldo R. Wedel, institution employe, was able by use of the instrument to duplicate almost perfectly the type of decoration found on pottery fragments recovered from the Kansas City area.

All traces of the Hopewell race are prehistoric. Smithsonian said what became of them was unknown but that they must be represented in the ancestry of some living tribes. All efforts to connect their culture with that of any extant people have failed.

"For this reason," Smithsonian said, "new evidence of any sort concerning them and their ways of life is likely to prove of exceptional value."

King Louis XIV, of France, spent \$100,000,000 to build the magnificent palace at Versailles.

Abyssinian "Fuzzy Wuzzy" women gum their hair over a network of wood.

## WPA Road Plan Brings Protest

Jefferson City, March 28.—Missouri's proposed \$5,500,000 WPA road-building project drew bitter criticism from contractors and construction supply dealers here today as "wasteful diversion" of highway funds.

More than 100 men attending a meeting sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of Missouri to protest against the "encroachment of the WPA on the construction industry," voted unanimously to send a committee to the Highway Commission and Gov. Lloyd C. Stark opposing the project.

The plan—still awaiting federal approval—calls for the State Highway Department to contribute \$1,625,000 to the work.

### CALLED BOONDoggling

"I don't think the Highway Commission has any right to take money voted for construction of permanent state highway and give it to the WPA for boondoggling," declared Morris Dewitt, Kirk-

wood contractor who is chairman of the Contractors' Association's Legislative Committee.

"The voters certainly never intended for the Highway Department to become a relief agency. This project wouldn't provide work for any more men than if the money—matched by federal fund—were spent through the regular contracting channels. It would just give the work to a different group of men—taking it from regular road builders to give to WPA men."

### FACING RUIN

E. C. L. Wagner of Jefferson City, manager of the Contractors' Association, urged that Missouri's Congressmen be requested to "protect the construction industry from the ruin it faces if the present WPA trend continues."

Contending that construction employment has been cut nearly in half since inception of the WPA, Wagner said "if the construction industry could get back to normal, it would increase the number employed by more than the number now on WPA. \* \* \* WPA is taking over more and more the functions of the construction industry and by doing

so is forcing on to the list of the unemployed the men who have formerly found work in construction.

### NOT SOUND ECONOMY

"Any plan which contemplates caring for the unemployed by creating unemployment in an existing industry is not a sound economy."

Among those joining Wagner in criticism of the WPA program were J. Frank Cline of the Springfield Building Trades Council, and C. G. Hamilton, president of the Kansas City Building Trades Council.

## EX-MARSHAL PLEADS GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

Caruthersville, Mo., March 26.—Herman Ford, 33, former City Marshal of Risco, New Madrid County, halted his trial for fatally shooting Braxton Gray, 28, at the Risco City Hall in August, 1936, after a Circuit Court jury had been chosen here today and entered pleas of guilty.

It was Ford's second trial, the first being held in March, 1939, at which time a jury found him guilty of manslaughter and fixed his punishment at 10 years in prison.

An appeal to the Supreme Court was taken and the case remanded for new trial due to errors in procedure.

After Ford entered his plea Judge L. H. Schulz sentenced him to 10 years in the penitentiary.

## DUNKLIN COUNTY LEADS IN ENTRIES

With forty-one farm families entered, Dunklin county leads all other Missouri counties in the total enrollment in the 1940 Plant-To-Prosper contest according to figures coming to the attention of the Kennett Democrat. Of the

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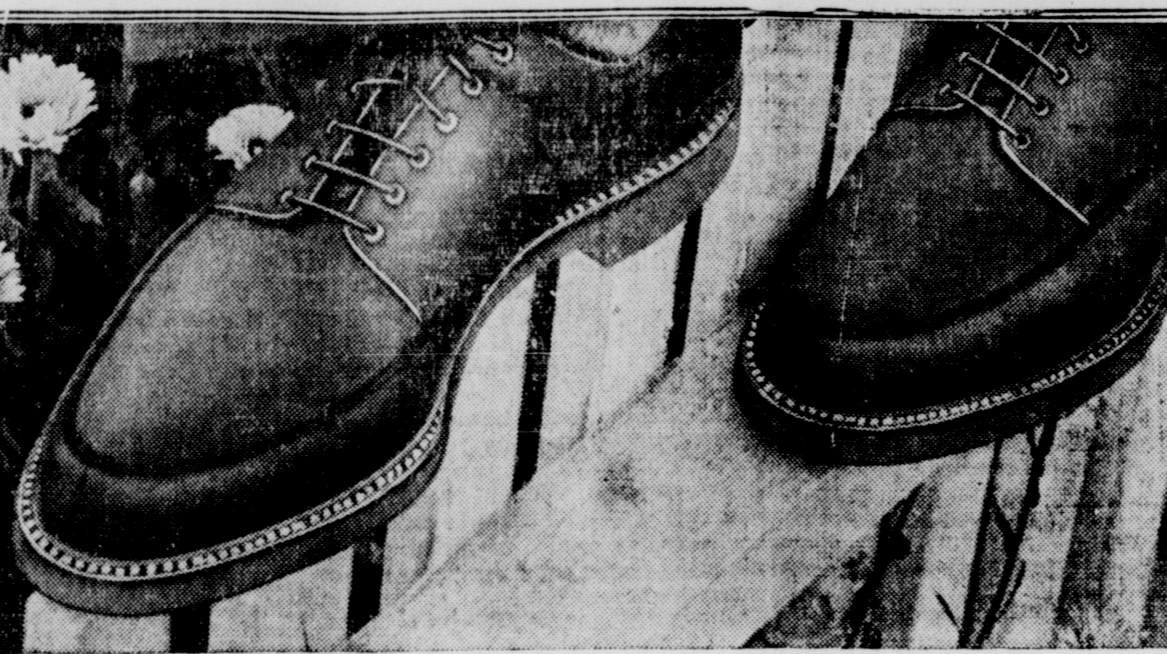
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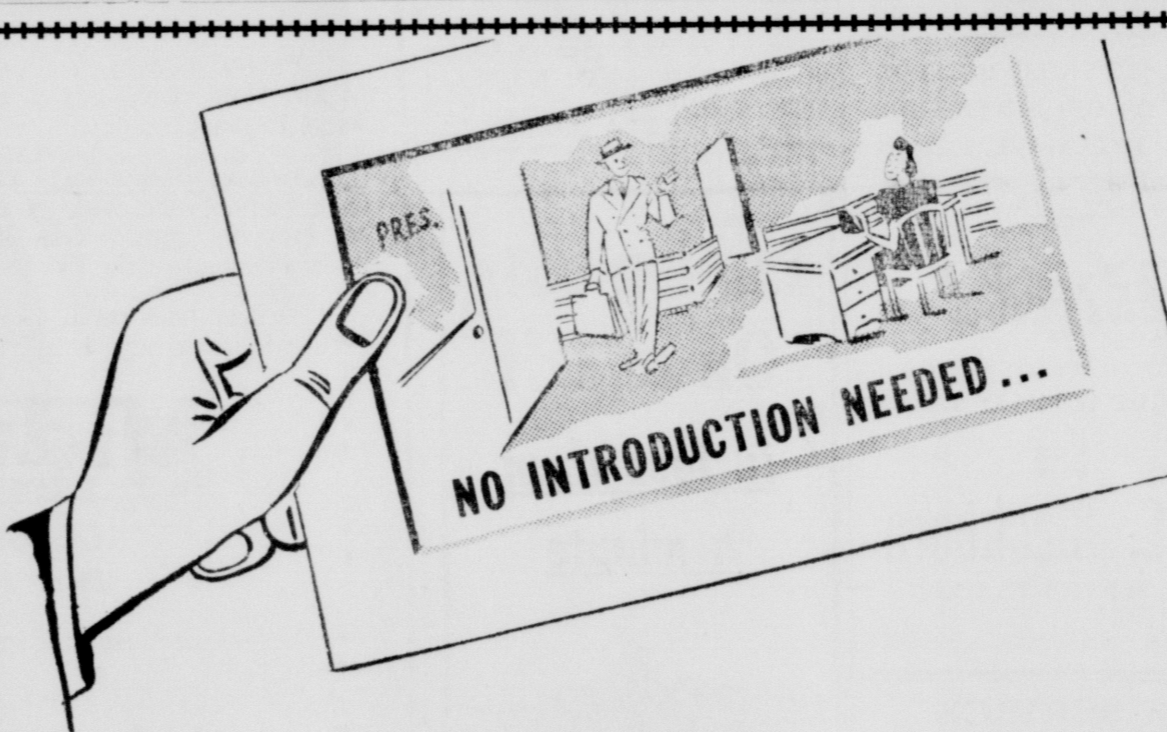
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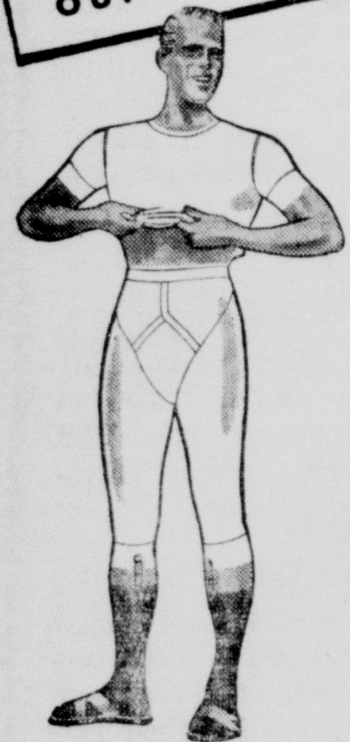
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## QUESTIONS—ANSWERS

**Q.** Should doors leading to a porch be placed on either side of a living-room fireplace which is located in the center of a wall approximately 13 feet in length? The porch could easily be planned for another location.

**A.** Since the fireplace is usually the center of activity and interest in a living room, the location of the furniture about it is very important. It should be possible to arrange a sofa, chairs, and tables so that a convenient conversational group can be formed. Doors on either side of the fireplace would make this difficult since the space required for the swinging of the doors and for circulation through these openings would leave little room for any fireside grouping of furniture.

**Q.** What type and weight of roofing felt is recommended for use under slate? What is meant by shingle exposure, and what are the allowable exposures for slate?

**A.** Under slate use a saturated asphalt roofing felt weighting not less than 30 pounds per 100 square feet. The exposure of a shingle is the portion not covered by the next course above or the length of the shingle exposed to the weather. Since the standard lap of alternate shingle courses used in laying slate on sloping roofs is 3 inches, the proper exposure is computed by deducting 3 inches from the length of the slate and dividing by two. This means that for a 14-inch slate the exposure should not exceed 5½ inches; for a 16-inch slate, 6½ inches; and for an 18-inch slate 7½ inches. Proper exposures to the weather for longer or shorter shingles can be determined in the same manner.

**Q.** How can a garbage container be concealed?

**A.** An underground receptacle, properly drained and having a pedal-operated cover, is a good arrangement. Containers above ground can be included in a small lattice or hedge-screened service yard located on the same side of the house as the garage driveway, kitchen, and service entrance.

**Q.** Every time it rains several of our windows swell, and we are unable to open them until they dry out. Is there any way we can remedy this condition?

**A.** Loosen the stop which holds the window sash in place. If this does not improve the condition, wait until the sash is dry and apply a thin coat of paste floor wax throughout the length of the grooves the sash slides in. Painting the grooves with linseed oil also may be helpful. If the windows are too tight even when dry, it will be necessary to remove the sash and plane down one side. Weather-stripping the windows will provide easy sliding of the sash and will reduce air infiltration.

**Q.** What is the cause of cracks that develop within a few weeks or months in a new well-laid wood floor?

**A.** These cracks are usually the result of a change in moisture content within the wood itself. This change in moisture content may be due to improper preliminary seasoning, improper storage at the mill or retail yard, delivery to the building during wet weather, or absorption of moisture from the air within the building either before or after the flooring is laid. Flooring should never be laid or even stored within the house before the masonry or plaster has had time to become thoroughly dry. Another cause of cracks in floors is the use of boards that have warped so that considerable pressure must be applied to drive the board into place.

**Q.** How should masonry units be laid?

**A.** All joints between masonry units should be pointed solid with mortar on both sides of the wall, with all outside and exposed inside joints weathered or tooled. Joints should not be over three-fourths inch thick. In walls built of solid masonry units, all joints should be filled solid. When hollow units are used, they should be laid with no through mortar joints.

**Q.** Can I save money by using stock millwork in building my house?

**A.** When moldings, kitchen cabinets, doors, and window sash are supplied from stock, they usually cost less than when made to special design. If you are trying to keep down costs, see what your contractor can obtain from a local millwork company's or lumber dealer's stock.

**Q.** I wish to obtain the number of cubic feet in a dwelling which is to have a full basement and a gable roof. How do I determine this figure?

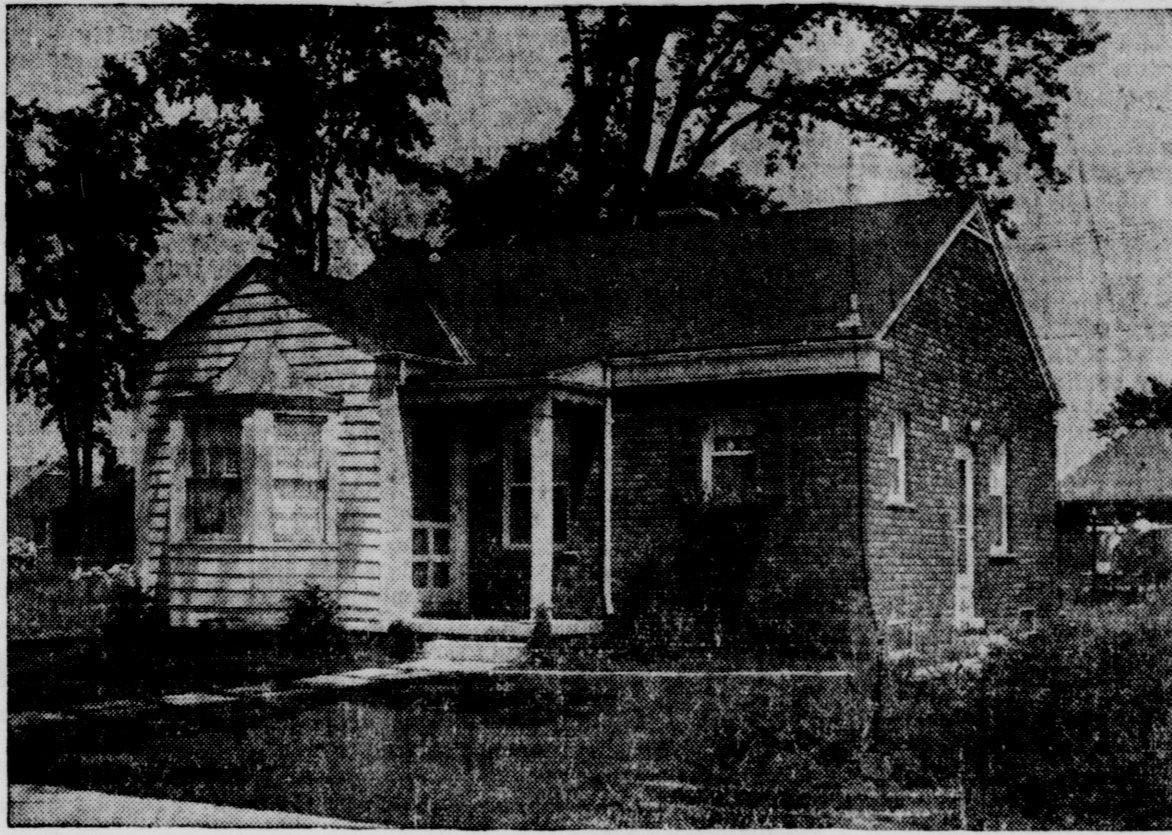
**A.** You can determine the cubic content of a house by multiplying the square-foot floor area of the ground floor by the distance from the top of the foundation footings to a point one-half way between the eaves and the ridge of the roof. If you contemplate using the cubic content for approximating the comparative cost of similar buildings, it is important to know if the volume of the basement and porch areas has been used as a whole or halved. Practice differs in this respect, and for comparative-cost purposes it is essential that the same method be used for both buildings.

### SO YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A HOUSE—OR MAYBE JUST REPAIR OR REMODEL

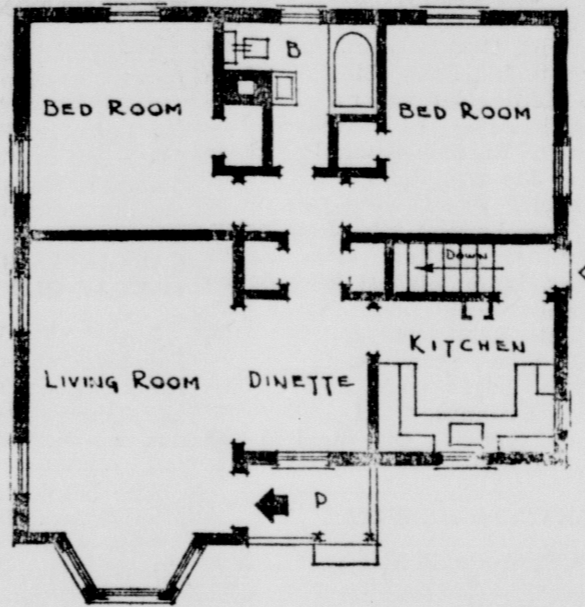
It's a fine idea, but there are some things that you should know about building before you start. Is the lot on filled ground? Is the title clear? What kind of lumber will you use? What is the best way to finance?

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Striping means running narrow bands of paint around the walls, a few inches from and parallel with the wood trim.

The width of the stripe, its color, and the distance from the wood trim will usually depend on the size of the room, the amount of decoration required to offset the objectional plainness, and also on the boldness or prominence of the door and window casings.

Funds for painting a room or the whole house may be obtained from private lending institutions qualified under the Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan.

Smoothly operating hinges, which are entirely hidden when the door is closed, permit a close fit between door and frame. They are also adaptable for use on casement windows and cupboard doors. In replacing hardware in the home, these invisible hinges may be installed with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

### KEEP MATERIALS DRY

Finished siding, half timbering, and other material for exterior use should be kept dry so that it will be in proper condition for painting as soon as installed, according to precautions issued by the Technical Division of FHA for observance in winter construction.

An arbor vitae hedge should be trimmed soon after it begins to grow in the spring.

### LOW LOCATION OF THERMOSTAT IS SUGGESTED

In homes where the furnace is controlled by an automatic thermostat, it may be found to be more comfortable if the thermostat is put at a low position on the living-room wall, about 30 inches off the floor, instead of at the usual five-foot height.

With gas or oil-fired furnaces this idea works particularly well, since the heat supply in these is cut off promptly when the room temperature goes up enough to put the thermostat to work, and the house may get uncomfortably cool before the heat is turned on again and builds up to the comfort point.

On the other hand, even when a coal fire is shut down the fuel bed continues to send up a certain amount of heat.

### BATHROOMS HAVE USE FOR WATERPROOFING

Water-resistant materials are particularly adaptable for use in bathrooms. Linoleum, waterproof wallpaper, asbestos wainscoting, asphalt-tile flooring, metal tile, and ceramic and glass tile can be used to advantage. Funds for the installation of a new waterproof wall or floor in a bathroom may be obtained from private lending institutions approved by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

### WINDOW REPAIR NEED REALIZED DURING WINTER

Cracked and puttyless windows are best appreciated in the winter, when they rob the houses of their warmth.

Home owners will not only improve considerably the appearance of their homes but they will also save money on their fuel bills if they will change windows that are cracked and replace putty that is falling off.

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## Hints For Home Owners

### PRACTICAL USE OF AREAWAYS

Areaways, which provide light for the underground or semiunderground windows of the basement, offer the average home owners a problem in treatment. Left alone, most areaways ultimately turn into little more than trash pits.

Sometimes iron grills are placed around areaways to protect small children from falling into the holes and also to keep out leaves and trash. These may be installed with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

Some home owners have found solutions to the areaway problem by employing them for such novel uses as hot beds for starting seeds.

### LIVING ROOM-DINING ROOM

The trend toward combined living room and dining room has increased greatly in popularity in the past few years, especially in smaller homes where space-saving

ing requirements must be regarded closely.

Owners of small homes which contain adjoining and dining rooms, both of insufficient size, may find combining the two desirable. Funds for this work may be obtained from private lending institutions qualified by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

Reasons advanced by architects and builders for the trend away from separate dining rooms are that as such they are used only three or four hours a day while the living room is in practically constant use. Another point is the fact that living room and dining room are seldom, if ever, used simultaneously.

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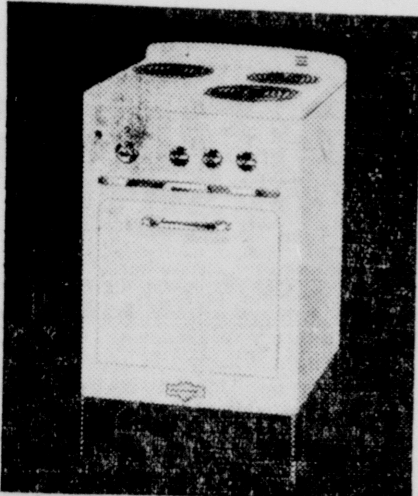
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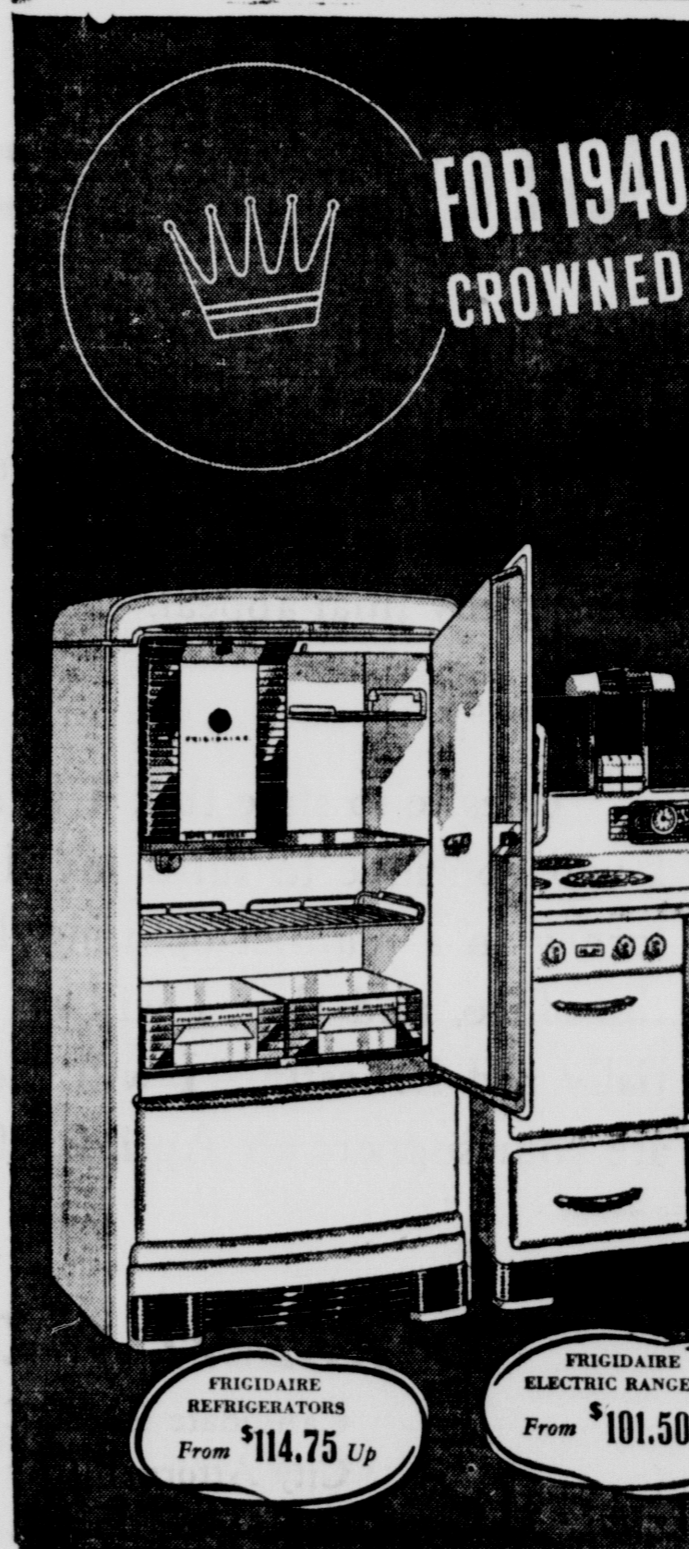
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## Kiwanis Club Activities



By Bartley Schwieger  
Resolved: That the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads, was the subject debated by the Sikeston High School debate team before the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting Friday evening at the Sikeston Country Club.

The affirmative was upheld by the Misses Betty Lou Barger and Mary Emma Donnell. The negative was upheld by the Messrs. C. D. Butler and William Marsh.

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## McKittrick for 3rd Term for Self

Jefferson City, March 30.—Attorney General Roy McKittrick announced tonight he would seek a third term in that office, cutting off speculation current for months that he would make the race for Governor.

His decision brought to four the number of Democrats actively campaigning for nomination to the attorney generalship, and left State Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage and Excise Commissioner Lawrence McDaniel of St. Louis the only avowed Democratic aspirants to the governorship.

McKittrick said he wanted another term as Attorney General because "many important law suits instituted by me, involving millions of dollars, are still pending in the courts and my chief concern is to see these suits through to their successful conclusion."

## HOT BATTLE AHEAD

With "the General" in the campaign for renomination, Missouri political observers finally have a chance to witness the political battle for which they long have waited—McKittrick and John D. Taylor in the same race.

Taylor, a State Legislator, and McKittrick both come from Chariton County where they have been the bitterest of political enemies for years. Taylor announced for Attorney General months ago after he had remarked:

"Somebody ought to run for that office. It's been vacant for years."

## OTHERS IN RACE

With the two Chariton County enemies in the race are State Senator W. B. Whitlow of Fulton and Drake Watson, a former Assistant Attorney General, both of whom announced earlier in the year. McKittrick fired Watson, a Ralls County lawyer, the day the latter got into the race.

The Attorney General's announcement brought to four the number of state officials seeking their third term in office, Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris, Secretary of State Dwight Brown and State Auditor Forrest Smith—all now completing their second terms—have announced they would seek renomination.

These young people go to Columbia, next Friday to meet other debaters on the same subject Saturday in a state-wide debate tournament. They will give a good account of themselves in this tournament.

After the debate was over some members of the audience wanted to debate it among themselves, so much interest had been aroused.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Nicholson, Archie Beasley, Mrs. Beasley, Miss Carlene Beasley and Jack Smith spent Sunday in Mayfield, Ky.

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## Lopez' Long Rein In Jazz Due to Changes in Style

Vincent Pope, piano speed-king, who has inspired countless miles of dancing and innumerable romances with his famous air greeting, "Hello Everybody, Lopez Speaking", brings his internationally famous "Suave Swing" band to Sikeston Monday night, April 8, under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lopez is considered unique among bandleaders. Although a few other dance maestros have kept their place in the spotlight as long as Lopez, the piano-playing maestro is the only bandleader to do it by directing his success-giving formulas of the past and beginning all over again any time a new trend in music has gripped the nation. He is said to be the only baton-waver in the business to keep abreast of all three cycles in popular music—first crude jazz, then refined or "sweet" jazz and now swing.

When swing blew across the horizon, Lopez not only stepped on the bandwagon but actually took the drivers reins. Swing was great, but too many bands spoiled it by racing their tempos and raising ear-splitting clamor and din. This gave Lopez an idea. Why not modify swing, combine a rhythmic and melodic hot style, distinguished from the output of most of his own swing contemporaries by its emphasis on music continuity.

With his entertainment corps is 17-year-old Penny Parker, lovely to look at, whom Lopez signed for a long-term contract after hearing her sing once.

## P. T. A. HOBBY SHOW AND PROGRAM APRIL 4

The annual hobby show, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, will be held at the High School gymnasium Thursday night, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock in conjunction with the regular meeting of the organization.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual hobby, the largest display of any one hobby and the most attractive display of any one hobby.

After the show a program, in charge of V. L. Knepper, with talks on the various hobbies, will be given as follows:

Introduction, Mr. Knepper; "Model Planes", Paul Brewer; "Photograph", Jimmy Rabb;

## Child Welfare Meet This Monday

A special child welfare conference will be held this Monday evening, April 1, at the High School auditorium, conducted by the American Legion. All civic clubs are invited to participate, according to O. M. Arthur, chairman.

Principal speakers will be Milt Campbell of the National American Legion headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. E. H. Gardner of Jefferson City, state auxiliary chairman of child welfare.

## KITE CONTEST HELD SUNDAY

All types of kites were entered in the contest held Sunday afternoon on the Chaney Addition grounds on the south edge of Sikeston. The contest was sponsored by Troop 42, the members of which donated the money for the prizes. Franklin Struwe and Charles Yanson have charge of the troop.

Eighteen boys entered their kites in the trials and five were awarded prizes. The entrants were Joe Cooley, Harry Hambrich, Howard Wheatly, Bobby Vowells, Dennis Lynn, J. E. Butler, Jimmie Rabb, Billy Pierce, J. W. Little, Leonard Kindred, Clentis Ables, Billy Sikes, Bob Deneke, Russell Wilson, Phil Bowman, Joe Dye, John Ensor, Carlis Tidwell. Prizes were given as follows: Largest kite, Joe Cooley, 50 cents; smallest kite, Clentis Ables, knife; highest kite, Bobby Vowells, Scout book; Novel kite, Jimmie Rabb, compass; box kite, Billy Sikes, sheath knife.

The judges were Fred Colley, T. E. Stallings, C. H. Butler and Ernest Kellett. One hundred visitors attended the contest.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Andy Robert of Benton was taken Friday afternoon in the Ellis ambulance to St. Francis Hospital for medical treatment.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. J. W. Stone, Jr., of this city was taken Friday night to St. Francis Hospital for an appendix operation.

"Amateur Radio", Frank Stevens, Charles Proffier and Hiram Williams; "The Aquarium", T. M. Travelstead; "Mechanical Toys", James Hahn; "Stamps", Joe Allen.

## Cotton Meeting Set for Tuesday

Poplar Bluff, March 31.—Sharecroppers, landowners and tenants in Butler County will meet with representatives of the Farm Security Administration to study the FSA expansion program for Southeast Missouri at the Court-house here Tuesday, W. F. James, who is Butler County agent and acting for Gov. Stark's Sharecropper Committee, announced today.

Meetings are being held in various cotton growing counties of Southeast Missouri in which an effort is being made to relieve the labor problem.

The sharecroppers will be organized and two representatives from the farm labor and farm owner groups will be named to form a County Advisory Committee of four. This committee will work with the FSA in the development of its expanded program.

Similar meetings are scheduled in Scott, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Mississippi, New Madrid and Stoddard counties.

## FIDELIS CLASS TO MEET TONITE

The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church will meet this Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Purcell, 331 South Scott, with Mrs. Lonnie Standley assistant hostess. All members please be present.

## CAESARIAN BIRTH TO 14-YEAR-OLD WIFE

Logan, W. Va., March 30.—Fourteen-year-old Mrs. Clifford Atkins, Logan's "child bride" of more than a year ago, smiled today in a hospital bed at her day-old daughter.

The baby was born last night after a Caesarian operation.

Mrs. Atkins, the former Helen Clidas, was married November 10, 1938, to Clifford Atkins, then 22, after the couple had been given the consent of Helen's parents.

They now live at Mud Fork and have been receiving relief.

Standard \$2.00 per year.

**Re-Elect  
JEWELL  
Police Judge**

## Chris Francis To Rural Carrier

The mail Sunday morning brought to Chris Francis the news of his transfer from clerk within the postoffice to rural carrier made vacant by the death of David Lumsden which occurred several months ago.

Chris was appointed to the Sikeston postoffice November 15, 1912, when Dan McCay was postmaster and has been a faithful and trustworthy employe since that date.

He will take over the rural carrier route April 8, 1940.

## APOLLO GROUP TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Apollo Group will meet at the library at 3 o'clock April 5. Mrs. H. E. Reuber will have charge.

of the program, which the subject, Edwin Franko Goldman on "The Renaissance of the Band".

Robert Sorrells will present his pupils in the following numbers: Clarinet quartet; Joe Allen, Billy Anderson, Grace Marie Sitzes, Caroline Weltecke; saxophone quartet, Alex Waters, Joe Arbaugh, Billy Grant, Tommy Roberts; flute trio, Mary Emma Donnell, Margaret Ann Hatfield, Jane Wilkerson; Clarinet solo, Joe Allen; Saxophone solo, Billy Grant; trombone solo, Billy Foley.

Plans will be completed at the meeting for the ninth district meeting of the senior clubs of the M. F. M. C., which will meet in Sikeston on May 4.

Election of officers for the next two years will be held Friday afternoon and all members are urged to be present.

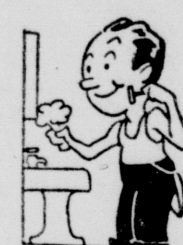
Mrs. Margaret Fontaine had as guests Friday, Mrs. Rilla Ford and Mrs. Nell Moyer of Cairo, Ill.

Don Robinson of Kennett spent Saturday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson.

## You're Always in



**Morning**



**Noon**



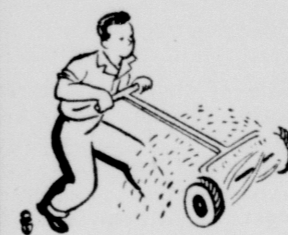
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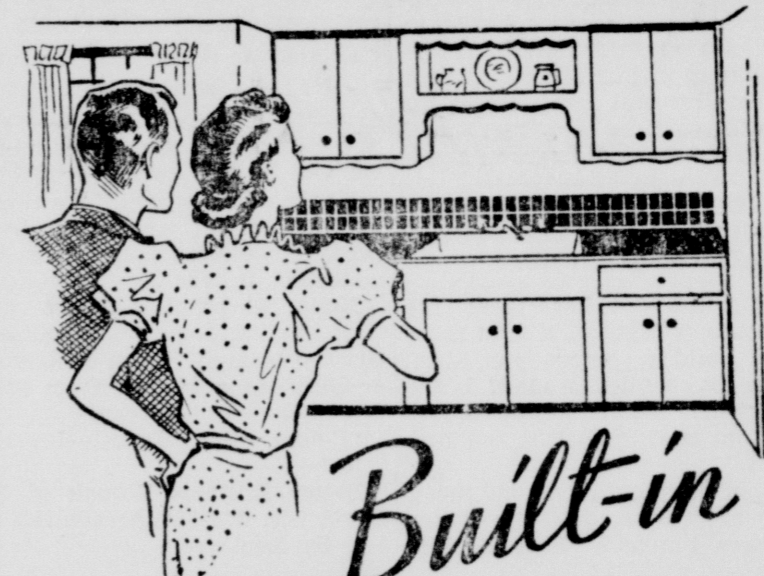
## City Attorney

I have made a conscientious effort to contact each of you, but I know in some instances I have failed to see you, so I take this means of making my final appeal.

I desire to state that if I am re-elected, that I will continue to fulfil my duties as City Attorney in a manner befitting the importance of the office, and that I will do my duty impartially and honestly. I will more than appreciate your support on April 2, 1940.

**Robert A. Dempster**

Candidate for Re-Election  
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ONLY THE MINT  
CAN MAKE MONEY  
WITHOUT ADVERTISING  
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The P. C.  
Editor Says:

The review of "The Bible Designed to be read as Living Literature" by Mrs. Kathryn Turney Gatten at the High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon was listened to by a large audience and when she had finished was given a wonderful ovation. During the review marked attention was given and through the review tears came to the eyes of many whose conscience, we suppose, smote them for the life they have lived. We were impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and we believe if this wonderful reader could be brought to the city for a series of readings from this book could cause a real religious upheaval in this city which is so badly needed. While we are old and on the brink of the grave we believe we could be converted.

Just moralizing, the Carthage Press concludes that weaklings can always be bad while it takes a certain amount of strength to be good. "If we find good habits easier to lose than bad ones" continues the Press, "it does not necessarily mean that we like to be bad best. It may be that we are weakening."

A mailing list was sent to the Standard office from which to address some circulars and the party who wrote the list evidently was not up on the spelling of some Southeast Missouri postoffice for in spelling Tallapoosa he or she spelled it, Tally-Pussy.

Melvin Schmidt, 23, St. Cloud, Minn., was sentenced to six months in jail after he confessed he knelt in church pews as though awaiting confession, then rifled the purses of women in the seats ahead of him while they were in the confessional booth.

The Democratic meeting at Benton Saturday afternoon was harmonious with 12 of the 17 delegates to the State Convention in St. Louis April 15 favorable to Senator Clark to head the delegation to the National Convention at Chicago and 5 favorable to Governor Stark. The unit rule was adopted.

When you hear a speech made by a critic of the Democratic Party, try to find a statement that offers even one constructive program. Don't forget that during the ten years preceding the present Administration not a single statute was enacted for the restraint of excesses and not one for the betterment or the permanent security of the individual.

"Backers believe Milligan and Stark will split the Bible Belt vote," is a headline in the Kansas City Star. If that be the case and Truman can carry the State outside of the so-called Bible Belt then he is as good as his own successor.

Grover Cleveland Smith, candidate for Secretary of State on the Democratic ticket, was a caller at the Standard office Friday forenoon. He is one of the state employees who were told to get out of the race or off the payroll while the Governor remained on the payroll and in the race.

Tom Scott was very much in evidence at the political meeting at Benton Saturday when he was not a delegate and not even an innocent bystander. He is warden of the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City and was present to stampede the convention for Governor Stark.

The Standard this issue carries the official announcement of Milo G. Gresham for State Senator from the 23d Senatorial District of Missouri. Judge Gresham is a Sikeston man, a lawyer of wide experience and a friend of the people and if he receives the nomination and election will make this District a Senator that we can feel proud of.

It doesn't always pay to say what you think even if the overwhelming majority of your listeners agree with you. There's the case of the speech made by our minister to Canada, James H. R. Cromwell. He said a lot of nice things about the Allies, of which Canada is one, and immediately aroused some of the comparatively few German sympathizers back here in the states. They have demanded his impeachment because he overlooked the neutrality of the United States. Quite likely Mr. Cromwell was wrong in making the speech but we believe he was right in what he said.—Shelbina Democrat.

## Alleged Short Change Trio Under Arrest

Long, long will three short-change artists remember Shelly Hudson's cafe on Highway 61 north.

The three were captured Friday at DeSoto, Mo., by the State Patrol and returned to Cape Girardeau, where they had better luck than with Shelly, and they will face charges of mulcting at least two concerns there.

Their fast bill-shuffling Wednesday night, in an effort to hoodwink Shelly, cost them a dollar when the Sikeston cafe man kept a step ahead of them and made a profit on the deal. As the men were departing hastily, after Mr. Hudson threatened to call the State Patrol, the proprietor noted the license number on the Arkansas plate of the 1940 Ford sedan they were driving.

The license number was broadcast. The three are in jail. Little Rock, Ark., authorities advised the patrol the licenses were issued to Buster Ellis of that city, known to police as a short-change artist and slot-machine robber. However, he was not wanted in Arkansas.

Prior to their unprofitable foray at Sikeston, the trio allegedly swindled a service station of \$10 and a tavern of \$5 at Cape Girardeau, making small purchases with big bills and then, on pretext of getting the larger bills back, confused the attendants in swapping smaller bills.

Ellis, 31, and his companions, Charles Croy, 37, and Vernon "Sailor" Rowland, 22, all said they live at Little Rock. They were taken to the Jackson jail.

Ellis and Rowland have followed the wrestling trade, officers said.

## Boy Admits \$119 Theft

An 11-year-old negro lad Saturday admitted to police entering the residence of A. C. Barrett, 816 North Kingshighway, one day last week and stealing bills hidden in a bedroom. Mr. Barrett, who discovered the loss Wednesday, said \$119 was missing.

The boy, and a 9-year-old companion, told several conflicting stories of disposing the money, and mentioned giving it to several persons. They also told of spending about \$5 for clothes and a small amount for candy.

The older lad led officers to a spot near his tenant cabin, a short distance down the alley from the Barrett home, where he said he hid a big wad of bills, but no money was found.

He related he took the money around noon-time, when Mrs. Barrett was away on a trip and Mr. Barrett was downtown, entering through a basement door. The bills were taken from a chest of drawers and a dresser.

The older boy stated he was prompted to take the money by Luther Hill, an uncle who lives in the same cabin. The lad told of giving some of the money to Hill.

The suspects were taken into custody by Officer Claude McManus.

## KELLY GARRETT BUYS JONES' DRUG STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Garrett have purchased the Jones Drug Store on Highway 61 and took charge Monday. Mr. Garrett, an experienced fountain and drug man, offers a snappy delivery service anywhere in the city. He and Mrs. Garrett have lived in Sikeston for over a year and are well known here.

Fred Jones, former owner and operator of the drug store, stated that he is quitting the drug business to enter the sale of roofing and siding materials.

Twelve hours and seven minutes make a day at the equator. This is the time which elapses between sunrise and sunset.

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## LOPEZ SINGER



One of the attractive features of Vincent Lopez' organization is Anne Barrett, lovely singer for the band, whom Lopez discovered while his band was playing last year at Memphis and she was appearing at Baton Rouge, La. She started with Orrin Tucker's ("Oh Johnny") band.

## Youth Admits Army Desertion

Taken into custody here Friday afternoon on suspicion, Douglas Robert Sims, 24, admitted to Sgt. Dace of the State Patrol he was a deserter from the U. S. Army post at Ft. McClellan, Ala. The youth was in army uniform when picked up at the 60-61 intersection by the trooper.

Army officials at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, advised the patrol to hold Sims until further orders were issued.

Sims, whose home is at Memphis, said he went A. W. O. L. at Ft. McClellan during war maneuvers, stating he was drunk at the time. From the post he went to Memphis, journeyed to California and was returning to Memphis when arrested. Pending action by army officers, he was taken to the Benton jail.

## Large Cline Home At McMullin Burns

Loss of at least \$5000 was estimated following the fire which early Friday destroyed the large, attractive two-story residence of Ed Cline at McMullin.

Henry Cline, father of the owner, was said to have arisen early, kindled a fire and then went to the barn to feed livestock. A few minutes later the kitchen was enveloped in flames. Members of the family were forced to flee in night clothing, and only a few effects were saved. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cline, three children and Mrs. Cline's mother, Mrs. Nell Barnes, escaped unhurt.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Cline, a prominent farmer of the McMullin community, formerly owned the store on Highway 61 at McMullin lane.

## Potashnick Gets New Route Permits

Potashnick truck lines have been granted permission to operate over Highway 25 from Jackson to Festus and on a route between Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff by the Public Service Commission.

The permit on Highway 25 is for through consignments between Jackson and Festus. The trucks now serve intermediate points between the two cities on Highway 61. The company can serve Sikeston, Charleston and other points on the Poplar Bluff-Cape Girardeau route.

Previously, Potashnick trucks used Highway 61 and Illinois highways on north-south trips.

## BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN TO ORGANIZE NEW CIRCLE

The young women of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Miley Limbaugh, 124 W. Kathleen, this Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Business Women's Circle of the Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Limbaugh will be sponsor of the group.

## Tank Supports Rise At Dizzy Pace

Like a crew of carnival hands putting together a form-fitting ferris wheel for tomorrow's show, structural steel workers are making the mammoth new water tank sprout upward before an appreciative audience at Ranney and Center.

Starting from scratch Wednesday, by Saturday the men had the massive legs for the 300,000-gallon tank virtually completed to their 120-foot height, rising faster than Southeast Missouri corn, which is saying something.

In 30-foot sections the supports of the tank are stacked on top of each other, hoisted into position by a pulley connected to the top of the thin, 70-foot truss known as the gin pole. Like sections of a pre-fabricated house, the huge beams fit perfectly, were bolted into place, and with cross girders attached the crew was ready to go onward and upward.

In a day's time, these workers of the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. could complete one section, rising 30 feet upward, so that the tank supports, slanting inward, soon took the resemblance

## Minutes of Meeting of Scott County Democratic Convention

Pursuant to notice of the Democratic Central Committee of Scott County, Missouri, the Democratic Convention of Scott County, Missouri convened in the Circuit Court Room in the Court House in Benton, Missouri, at two o'clock p. m., Saturday, March 30, 1940.

The Convention was called to order by Otto Schoen, County Chairman. Dr. W. O. Finney, of Chaffee, Missouri, was selected to act as chairman of the meeting, and W. S. Corrigan, of Sikeston, was chosen secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the selection of seventeen delegates and seven alternate delegates to represent Scott County, Missouri at the State Convention to be held in St. Louis April 15, 1940.

The chairman thereupon appointed the following committees: Credentials Committee—Emil Steck, Chairman, John Keusenkothen, Grover Baker, W. W. Lemons, R. F. Alsted.

Nominating Committee—H. F. Kirkpatrick, Chairman, Otto Schoen, Bob Guber, Miss Alma Cope, C. L. Blanton, Jr.

Resolutions Committee—David Blanton, Chairman, Dr. G. W. H. Presnell, Mrs. H. D. Rogers, Mrs. Fred Bisplinghoff, Geo. Vogel.

These committees were instructed to retire and report back to the Convention their findings and recommendations.

Said committees retired and subsequently returned and presented the following reports.

Emil Steck, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that no delegation was present from Tywappity Township and that the Credentials Committee had duly certified to the legal election of forty-nine delegates who were entitled to vote at this convention. Mr. Steck moved that this report be adopted by the convention. This motion was duly seconded and the report was unanimously adopted by the Convention and ordered attached to these minutes.

H. F. Kirkpatrick, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then reported that the Committee has recommended the following named persons to be sent to the Convention as delegates and alternates to represent Scott County at the State Convention:

Delegates: Dr. W. O. Finney, L. D. Kankford, Albert Bailey, Emil Steck, Otto Schoen, Dr. G. W. H. Presnell, Grover Baker, C. L. Blanton, Jr., C. E. Felker, W. H. Sikes, H. F. Kirkpatrick, Tom Scott, Ray B. Lucas, G. J. Slickman, Fred E. Black, Mrs. Alma Cope, and Norvel Anderson.

Alternates: W. D. Hartner, C. F. Hanks, Oscar Buckstein, Mrs. Fred Bisplinghoff, John Keusenkothen, O. M. Arthur, Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Harry Harty, Thomas B. Allen, Robert Guber, Geo. Vogel, John Michael, Alden Pinney, Mrs. Mayme Dirberger, W. W. Lemons, and Mrs. A. T. Bom.

Mr. Kirkpatrick thereupon moved that the report of the nominating committee and the recommendations therein be accepted and approved by the Convention. This motion was duly seconded and by the Convention unanimously carried.

## Four Hurt in Headon Collision

Four persons received cuts and bruises in a headon automobile collision at 8:15 o'clock Friday morning on Highway 60 at the east edge of the city.

Clarence Dee Pfifer, 26, driver of a Model A Ford coupe, and two companions, Charles Mainord and Paul Higgs, all of Matthews, and Mrs. Tom Layne, 52, wife of the other driver, were hurt.

The State Patrol preferred a charge of driving while intoxicated against Pfifer, and also arraigned his companions before Justice Brown Jewell as accessories on the intoxication charge.

Mr. Layne, 58, who lives on Route 2, Sikeston, said the other car, going west, pulled across the highway into the path of his Ford pickup. Pfifer told officers he did not know how the accident happened. The fronts of both vehicles were smashed.

Dr. G. W. Presnell and Dr. E. J. Nienstedt treated the injured.

## Council May Meet Twice This Week

The City Council's regular April meeting will be this Monday evening, but a short session is anticipated since election day follows.

It is customary to call a special meeting after election day to verify the ballot count. As in the past, this probably will take place Wednesday morning.

Appointment of a member to the Board of Public Works generally takes place in an early April meeting. The term of E. P. Coleman expires this year.

## Small Blaze On Vernon Avenue

The fire department was called to the home of Bernard Crane on Vernon Avenue at 7:45 Sunday morning to put out a fire in the brooder house where 170 small chickens were kept.

The fire was 100 per cent and the 170 chickens were burned to a powder.

upon motion duly made and seconded, same was adjourned.

DR. W. O. FINNEY,  
Chairman.

Attest:  
W. S. CORRIGAN,  
Secretary.

## Very Quiet Election Seen

If pre-election comments—which almost aren't—are any indicator, the balloting this Tuesday for only two city positions will be exceedingly light.

Lacking a mayoralty race and the issues that lend it color, the election now upon us promises to be very quiet, unless some eleventh-hour incident stirs it, and this does not seem likely.

There are contests merely for city attorney and police judge. Even a race for an alderman's post, which brings the election right to the neighborhood, is lacking. Doubtless no election in recent years has been less contested, considering that all terms but that of mayor expire this year.

With contests last year only for three council seats, 1121 citizens went to the polls last year. In 1938, when an exciting mayoralty race was on, a record 3278 votes were cast.

## Richland Democrats Choose Delegates

Richland Township Democrats in a meeting Friday afternoon at the City Hall agreed to vote as a unit at the Scott County Democratic convention Saturday at Benton and also endorsed the Democratic administration.

Delegates selected were Dr. G. W. Presnell, Grover Baker, James Kevil, Harry Harty, W. H. Sikes, E. P. Coleman, Jr., William Corrigan, James Baker, Jr., Roland Malcolm, Ed Fuchs, Jr., C. E. Felker, C. L. Blanton, Jr., O. M. Arthur, Charles Bethune, Mrs. Ed Kendall and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr.

Alternates were Mrs. Marvin Carroll, Mrs. Bernice Barrett, Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mrs. Harry Harty, William Foley, Judson Boardman, Elmos Taylor, Claude O'Connor, Walter Hughes, Mrs. Lynn Waggener, Mrs. Charles Boyce, Mrs. Les Sexton, William Simpson, Mrs. Ray Wisdom, Mrs. Birdie Petty, Lee Johnson.

## CATHOLIC LADIES CLUB COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

The Catholic Ladies Club will have a covered dish Wednesday, April 3, at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Walter Clymer, Mrs. Charles Dover and Mrs. Paul DeGuire as hostesses. All members are invited to be present.

The body of Edith Cavell, war nurse, is interred in Norwich Cathedral, England.

## To Vote on Dropping Part Of Morehouse

Where most cities raise election issues over whether more land will be added to the municipality, Morehouse, always good for an exciting election, will vote this Tuesday on changing its limits to exclude part of the city!

It is a city plat of five blocks, lying west of Little River, where it is argued, requirements for improvement and present city upkeep cost much more than taxes received on it.

Spirited races have developed for aldermen in both wards and for school director.

## MAYOR FAVORS CHANGE

Mayor R. C. "Tony" Caldwell in a public statement declared the five blocks, one with only one lot, had 32 lots altogether assessed for a total of \$1200. In the past 10 years, he said, a total of \$36 taxes has been paid to the city on this property, while street lighting west of the river has cost the city \$120 during the same period.

"It is reported that an attorney has been asked to bring suit to force the city to build and maintain a bridge across the river," he stated. "This means, if judgment is obtained, that the city will have to spend several hundred dollars paid in east of the river to erect the bridge. It will mean less money will be available for street maintenance, unless a special property tax is levied or poll tax collected."

"In addition, if the city is forced to extend water and sewage facilities west of the river, engineers say the cost to the system will be increased about \$5000."

## CANDIDATES RUNNING

In Ward 1, Wendell Fox, incumbent, is opposed by Cal Farris for alderman. Three are out for the Ward 2 council seat, Herbert Pointer, Marshall Spence and Bob Boone.

The contest to choose two school directors finds five men running, Hershel Hellum, for re-election, Fred Lamanack, S. L. Bensford, Fred Lemings and Hershel Gray.

Mr. Farris, Mr. Gray and Mr. Bensford are said to have the support of the Carpenters & Joiners Union of the Himmelberger-Harrison Mill, which is understood to control a bloc of about 200 votes.

## Young Democrats In Session Sunday

Young Democrats of Scott County met at Benton Sunday afternoon and after endorsing both National and State administrations selected the following delegates to represent Scott County at the meeting of Young Democrats at Kansas City Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th:

Richland Township—Chas. H. French, David E. Blanton, Charles Bethune, N. E. Fuchs, Jr., Robert A. Dempster, Mrs. Conly Purcell, Mrs. Walter Ansell, Miss Clara Trousdale, Lee Johnson (col.), Fred Campbell, (col.).

Kelso—Truman Hall, Otto Schoen, L. D. Lankford, Allen Hubbard, Mr. Gettings, Raymond Humphrey, William O. Donnell, Mrs. Lucille Reinogel, Mrs. T. L. Huggins, Miss Motel Munger.

Sandywoods—Ross Lemmons, Mrs. Harold Cope.

Moreland—Joe Anderson, Hess Porter.

Sylvania—Geo. Vogel, Clyde Poe, Mrs. Hazel Bryans.

Morley—A. R. Edmondson, Miss Polly McDonald.

Commerce—Mrs. Ralph Darby. Allen Hubbard was selected to head the delegation.

## COUNTRY CLUB SANDWICH SHOPPE REOPENED

John James of Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., and "Toots" Nall have reopened the Nall Country Club Sandwich Shoppe and will feature all kinds of sandwiches, including pit barbecue, fish sandwiches, Kentucky ham sandwiches, short orders and five per cent beer at low prices. Curb service with plenty of parking space is offered. They have employed an expert negro barbecue cook formerly at a downtown cafe. Craple fish dinners will be served Reelfoot Lake style.

## LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet this Tuesday evening the home of Mrs. Robley Lennox with Mrs. Wm. Foley as assistant hostess. All members please be present.

## SCHUCHART-BRANUM WEDDING SATURDAY



The marriage of Miss Alma Branum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Branum, and Emil Schuchart, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Schuchart of Morehouse, was solemnized at a nuptial mass Saturday morning at the St. Francis Xavier Church with the Rev. J. J. O'Neill officiating.

The bride was gowned in white satin, fashioned with a long full skirt which swept into a train. The bodice had long, tight sleeves and the high neck line was trimmed with pearl clips. The bridal bouquet was of calla lilies.

Miss Helen Branum, a bridesmaid, wore a long dress of peach net, with a shoulder length veil. Her flowers were lavender sweet peas. Miss Alice Schuchart, also an attendant, was gowned in pale blue embroidered net and carried

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## SCOTT COUNTY

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### FOR SHERIFF

JOHN HOBBS

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TED KIRBY

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### COUNTY ASSESSOR

J. W. DAUGHERTY

We are authorized to announce subject to the will of the voters in the April Election for the City of Sikeston as candidates for:

### CITY COLLECTOR

JOE MATHIS

### POLICE JUDGE

BROWN JEWELL

DAL HARNES

MILTON CRASE

### CITY ATTORNEY

BOB DEMPFSTER

CONLEY PURCELL

## ALDERMAN, WARD ONE

C. H. BUTLER

## ALDERMAN, WARD TWO

FRANK MILLER

## ALDERMAN, WARD THREE

GUST ZACHER

## ALDERMAN, WARD FOUR

T. F. RAFFERTY

Is the Republican Party friendly to the farmer? Congressman Phil Ferguson of Oklahoma answered that query during the last regular Congress. In part he said: "The Republicans at this whole session of Congress have tried to cripple the farm program on every important measure before the House. On March 28, 140 Republicans—almost the entire Republican membership—voted against any parity payments to farmers. This same group voted solidly against sending the bill to conference and again 140 Republicans refused to agree to parity payments when the bill came back from conference for final passage. Three times the Republican party en masse said to the farmers of the Nation: 'We are opposed to any farm program.'"

The Republicans of Missouri forget easily. They are now berating the Democratic State Administration for its conduct of Missouri's financial affairs. They fail to remember that when Governor Caulfield retired from office he left more than a million dollars in unpaid bills for his Democratic successor to pay off. The elephant has ever been long on talk and short on performance.

The Democratic Party is the woman's party. Women are primarily interested in good schools for their children, decent homes in which to live, nourishing food, adequate medical care, ample playgrounds for the little tots, a job for Dad, security in old age and a reasonable standard of living. These objectives sought by women are the objectives of the Democratic Party.

Being in power centers public attention on alleged Democratic differences and tends to magnify their seriousness. And conversely nothing save their being out of power and of little interest to the public generally conceals the bitter discord, dissension and division in Republican ranks both in Missouri and throughout the Nation. The leadership of the Republican Party, if there be any worthy



**WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE:**  
John Webb, a crusading attorney who, with his partner Rus Sampson, is fighting to break the hold of Vincent Cushing's graft ring on the state highway contracts, is "framed" by Cushing's police friends for two mysterious murders. As if this were not enough trouble, he is also harassed by the jealousy of Ann Seymour, a cute but light-headed little night club entertainer who is in love with him. Temporarily released on a writ of habeas corpus, Webb discovers that Cushing knows something about a past murder in a little Texas town which would throw light on the crimes of which Webb is suspected. He and Sampson decide to fly Texas to investigate; but a few hours before they are to depart, Ann is menaced by Sampson with the same knife that killed the two women Webb suspected of having murdered.

## Chapter Six

Morganville, Texas snored in its midnight stupor as the two partners alighted from their special plane, hired a decrepit car from the local service station, and trundled out to the cemetery. On the way Webb explained to his friend the theory behind the visit. They knew that Alma's murderer had once lived in this town and murdered her father there. If the murderer had relatives buried in the



"Sorry, chum," said Rus quietly. "I thought I could scare you off."

little community, which was very likely a graveyard would give the telltale name. All they need do was keep their eyes peeled for a Cushing, a Godena, or perhaps a Taylor.

The cemetery was no darker than a graveyard at midnight should be. It only seemed blacker. A few black nightbirds whizzed about their heads, screaming hoarsely. "You take that row over there," suggested Webb, "and I'll take this one. Watch the names on the stones."

Rus Sampson complied. As he scanned the headstones, his jaw tightened at sight of an inscription on one of them:

SAMPSON SMITH  
Born 1886 — Died 1930  
Close by it was another:  
AIMEE SMITH  
Neé RUSSELL  
Beloved Wife of  
SAMPSON SMITH  
His face set grimly. His eyes became like little beads. He reached into his coat.

Webb, with an involuntary yell, felt the knife plunge into his arm. He gritted his teeth and pulled it out. Rus was at his side in a moment, asking solicitous questions. Was Webb hurt badly? Had he seen what his assailant looked like? Webb shook his head, reeling unsteadily.

"Come on," said Rus. "We'd better get you into town."

Webb went to his office early the next morning. He had promised to surrender to Commissioner Fromm by noon.

Rus was already sitting at his desk in a characteristic posture: feet up on the desk, strumming on his guitar. Webb informed him that he had some new ideas on the solution of the murders.

"For example, I've been wondering how the murderer found out we were going to that cemetery last night. None of the suspects knew our destination. Ann didn't know; and besides, she thought you were the murderer."

of that designation, agrees only upon one subject—opposition to the Democratic Party. They want the Democrats out so that they can get in. On all else they are at sea, as silent as the tomb, without an intelligent policy or a cohesive program. They are of different mind, as far apart in their views as the poles, and so filled with envy and dislike each of the other that they avoid personal contact and only speak when not to do so would call attention to their enmity.

The newcomers despise the old guard and the old guard jeers at the newcomers. This group is antagonistic to that group, and that faction to this, so that the entire Republican Party in the Nation today is a seething cauldron of disruption and discontent, hopelessly divided and locked in an inter-party death struggle in every State of the Union.

Truly the cause of the G. O. P. was never more precarious or more forlorn than now. Civil War has torn it asunder, and the tents of countless rival camps dot the landscape from ocean to ocean.

## Democratic differences and division.

And while they howl in wild delirium and lick their lips in glorious anticipation of another feast at the pie counter, their own little rowboat is sinking. Herbert Hoover has one ear and Alf Landon the other and each are pulling in a different direction. John Hamilton and Glenn Frank are bailing frantically, but envy and discord and indifference and indecision already have pulled the plug and soon the angry waters will roar above a sunken ship.

While the Republicans are eagerly watching a rubbish fire in the Democratic basement, their own house is burning down. Nero had nothing on the old G. O. P.—it also is fiddling as its cause dies.

Tom-tom beaters for the G. O. P. have streamlined their wares and oiled their sales talks—but it's the same old quack remedy in the bottle.

The metropolitan press of Missouri has long been loud in its condemnation of Democratic emergency spending, both by the national and state administrations. Great was its wail of complaint, however, when an attempt was made by the present regime at Jefferson City to curtail relief expenditures in order to insure a balanced state budget. Raving and ranting and gnashing its teeth, the city press heaped severe abuse and criticism upon the heads of state officials because of the curtailment and indignantly demanded a special session of the State Legislature to appropriate additional relief funds. It was a strange picture that was presented—a picture of the metropolitan press up in arms and on the warpath because Missouri was not spending enough for relief purposes.

Having bitterly opposed public spending for years, the press suddenly found itself in the position of urging even greater spending—and it clothed itself in sanctimonious robes and assumed a holier than thou attitude in so doing. Had not the seriousness of the situation been so acute, the incident would have been amusing. To the man on the street it would appear as if the Democratic Party is condemned if it does spend and condemned if it doesn't. The opposition condemns it for public spending and then tears its hair if it stops. All of which is in line with the traditional logic and consistency of the Grand Old Party.

In their 1937 operations, fishermen of the Canadian province of Manitoba used 166 power boats and 764 skiffs and canoes.

Ann had arrived at a great decision. She had decided that she and Johnny Webb ought to get married. It really was for his own good... those "fishing laws". Lots of people, she explained, knew about her nocturnal visits to his apartment, about those charge accounts, and so on. They were beginning to talk. It really was for his own good.

She herded him back to his apartment, where she had thoughtfully arranged for his friend Judge Boyle to be waiting. Webb was still arguing while the Judge read the civil marriage ceremony.

"Listen, Puss, I'm so good. I'm a crook — a thieving politician — a cheap chyster — I'll steal, chisel, cheat —"

"I now pronounce you man and wife," droned the Judge. The Cupcake uttered a squeal of joy and threw her arms around her husband's neck.

"Oh, Johnny — I like you!"

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## STATE CAPITOL

NEWS REEL

Twenty-three persons were killed on Missouri highways during February, four less than in February of 1939, the State Highway Department has announced. . . . Governor Stark has proclaimed May 12 as "Hospital Day" in Missouri and asks all citizens of the State to participate in such local observances of the day as may be arranged in their respective communities. . . . The Fulton State Hospital has reached a new population record of 2404 patients housed there, an increase of 1077 since 1921. . . . Sgt. J. F. Shaw of Highway Patrol Troop C at Kirkswood has been promoted to the rank of captain and has taken over command of Troop F, at Jefferson City, Acting Patrol Superintendent A. D. Sheppard has announced. . . . Officials of Missouri's six eleemosynary institutions have been instructed to curtail expenditures in order to stay within appropriations for the 1939-40 biennium. . . . The Federal government has announced grants to Missouri of \$2,225,578 for old-age assistance and \$423,877 for aid to dependent children. . . . Governor Stark in a letter to Congressman John J. Cochran of Missouri has urged a larger WPA appropriation for the State as a means of offsetting an approaching crisis in Missouri's direct relief finances.

## EXTENSIVE SERIES OF

CAVES FOUND IN TEXAS

Gatesville, Tex., March 26.—A series of underground caves which might rival the famed Carlsbad caverns in extent if not in natural splendor has been discovered south of Gatesville, in central Texas.

C. C. Williams, Coryell County farmer, disclosed today that he had made some tentative exploration of the caves and found they extended at least eighteen miles in one direction and were more than 200 feet deep.

The subterranean chambers have about twenty outlets in the hills of the area and contain objects which might be evidence of human habitation centuries ago.

Texas University scientists who examined nine teeth, each about four inches long, classified them as camel's teeth, Williams said. Whether they were the remains of some prehistoric animal or possibly another reminder of the day when camels were introduced experimentally in Texas as beasts of burden, the discoverer doesn't know.

Other discoveries include carved pictures of a woman and baby, carvings of men's and women's legs and unexplained symbols.

## NEWEST U. S. TORPEDO BOAT

GIVEN FIRST SPEED TEST

New Orleans, March 27.—The PT-6, Uncle Sam's newest type torpedo boat for offshore defense work, thundered along at 46 miles an hour yesterday in its first speed test, and then was prepared for grueling trials on the Gulf of Mexico.

Naval experts watched the heavily powered, 81-foot craft slash across Lake Pontchartrain, termed its performance "satisfactory" and hinted the boat might be superior to anything used by foreign Powers. It was explained the new motors were not broken in and no attempt was made to reach theoretical maximum speed of 60 miles.

The PT-6 was the first boat

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### ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,555,461.84
United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	446,996.96
State, county and municipal obligations	679,938.81
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	56,424.35
Loans and discounts	566,800.98
Furniture and fixtures	4,688.26
Total	\$3,310,311.20

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations (except banking corporations):	
(a) Demand deposits	\$2,048,412.04
(b) Time deposits evidenced by savings pass books	374,620.74
(c) Other time deposits	222,810.48
Deposits of other banks and trust companies	103,102.93
State, county, and municipal deposits	316,659.06
Certified and officers' checks, letters of credit, and travelers' checks sold for cash	793.08
Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 239,996.96
Not secured by pledged of loans and/or investments	\$2,826,401.37
Total Deposits	\$3,066,398.33
Capital Account:	
(a) Capital stock and capital notes*	100,000.00
(b) Surplus	100,000.00
(c) Undivided profits	13,912.87
(d) Reserves	30,000.00
(e) Total Capital Account	243,912.87
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$3,310,311.20

\*This banks capital is represented by 400 shares of common stock, par \$250.00 per share.

### Memorandum: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	228,996.96
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	11,000.00
Total Assets Pledged	\$ 239,996.96
Pledged:	
Against State, county, and municipal deposits	239,996.96
Deposits of state banks and trust companies in liquidation preferred under provisions of Sections 5303 and 5331, R. S. Mo. 1929	1,902.04
Total Deposits Secured and Preferred by Law	\$ 241,899.00

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We, Jos. L. Matthews, as president, and Leroy C. Leslie as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct in all respects to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOS. L. MATTHEWS, President.

LEROY C. LESLIE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and forty.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring June 9, 1940).

(SEAL)

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Directors.

# Congress to Give Thorough Study of Forestry Conservation Legislation

Washington, D. C.—For more than a year and a half hearings have been held all over the country for the purpose of determining if the nation's forest lands can be managed to the greater benefit of wildlife and timber resources. These hearings will be terminated in the very near future in Washington, D. C., when officials of the U. S. Forest Service appear before the Joint Forestry Committee of House and Senate of which Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama is chairman.

This Committee was appointed in 1938 upon the recommendation of President Roosevelt. It was authorized and directed to investigate the present and prospective relation of forest lands to a balanced timber budget, watershed protection, flood control, wildlife and other social and economic benefits which may be derived from such lands. To that end the Committee has already held hearings in eight forest regions of the United States.

Senator Bankhead points out that since America was founded, more than a hundred billion dollars worth of forest products have provided one of the great natural subsidies which the natural resources of this continent have contributed to the advancement of American civilization. The United States today uses about two-fifths of all the wood consumed in the world, and chemists are constantly finding newer uses for wood products.

In a recent interview by officials of the National Wildlife Federation, Senator Bankhead said: "Our forests and wild lands are so distributed that dividends from their adequate and sustained management can reach the remotest hamlet, North, South, East and West. These forest lands have been 'shock-absorbers' for economic dips and depressions in the past. They can continue to be of the greatest value if they are conserved and wisely used."

The wildlife possibilities of our forest lands are not to be neglected. Senator Bankhead expressed himself as being fully aware that since the timber areas of America furnish food and shelter for much of our remaining big game, all plans for future management must include programs for sustaining deer, elk, bear and other species of big game animals.

Senator Bankhead also said: "Forest lands are absolutely essential for the prevention of erosion and for flood control as well as for water conservation for irrigation and navigation purposes."

The Joint Forestry Committee has been studying the adequacy and effectiveness of present cooperative Federal and State activities in protecting public and private lands from fire, insects and diseases, as well as measures which may be necessary to insure that timber cropping on privately owned lands shall be conducted as a continuously productive operative operation in accordance with broad public interests. Many parts of the country have experienced a rapid growth and decline of the forest industry as a result of cutting practices which have not been geared to the productive capacity of the land. Tax delinquency in some areas has followed widespread excessive cutting on land chiefly valuable for timber production.

Officials of the Forest Service have advised the National Wildlife Federation that in the forthcoming hearings the problem of fire control will be chiefly stressed. It was pointed out that despite the great advances made in forest fire fighting during the last decade, the losses still average around fifty million dollars annually. Today more than one-quarter of our forest area is privately owned. It is in these areas that more than 90 per cent of the nation's fires occur.

The present set-up in fire fighting is arranged so that the Federal Government and the various states split the bill between them. It is estimated that eighteen million dollars yearly is needed to adequately protect our timber lands. Up to now the largest appropriation to the Forest Service for fire fighting has been \$1,700,000—far below the amount needed to do a thorough job.

As fire is by far the greatest destructive agent of our forest lands, the Forest Service plans to set forth strong recommendations to the Joint Forestry Committee for increased appropriations to combat and control this constant threat to one of our most important natural resources.


Since the summer of 1938, regional hearings have been held in the following locations: Sun Valley, Idaho; Jacksonville, Florida; Washington, District of Columbia; Syracuse, New York; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco, California; Mobile, Alabama, and Madison, Wisconsin.

Testimony was presented by the American Pulp and Paper Association; National Lumber Manufacturers' Association; West Texas Chamber of Commerce; National Grange; National Farm Bureau Federation; T. V. A.; Secretary Wallace; Agricultural Extension Bureau; Soil Conservation Service; Society of American Foresters; American Federation of Labor; C. I. O.; Federal Housing Administration; Federation of Women's Clubs; Bureau of Agricultural Economics; Office of Education; Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs; Department of Justice and the U. S. Forest Service.

Based on such widespread interest in the future of our forests and their management as evidenced by the testimony presented, Senator Bankhead expects that progressive legislation on timber practice will be forthcoming from Congress.

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### SYNOPSIS

Langdon Toune and Hunk Mariner, fleeing from being jailed in Portsmouth for having called a powerful man a thief, join Major Rogers' Rangers which are en route to the Abenaki Indian encampment on the St. Francis in Canada under orders to wipe out the tribe which has been scalping the colonists under orders of the French. The Abenaki stronghold is wiped out, all the warriors killed, the white captive women taken in charge by the Rangers. Langdon was among the wounded.

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### Chapter Four

#### FLIGHT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

The first day's march towards Lake Memphramagog was one of long agony to Langdon, supported by Billy, the name he had given to the Indian boy he had saved from death, and by Jennie Coit, the white prisoner of the Abenakis, freed against her will. Of his own will, he would have awaited death at the burned Indian village, but Major Rogers had urged him on with references to the pretty girl at home whose portraits were scattered through his sketch book.

At the end of the first day's march, Hunk Mariner and Beacham hurried back to assist the lag-



ging wounded man, with a bullet hole low in his ribs. Hunk ordered Jennie to rejoin the women, while he and Beacham helped Langdon into camp.

"I'm going to fix his bandages," said Jennie defiantly.

"Go on! Get out of here!" Hunk took her arm to push her, and received a blow from her fist that staggered him.

"Here, you minx!" said Rogers, striding back to them. "Don't start raising Cain or I'll turn you loose in the woods."

"Go ahead, turn me loose! And turn him loose, too, why don't you? Maybe I could find a cow-moose to lick his bulge hole clean. It's got to be washed. He's got to have bandages."

"Some of us could carry him," suggested Hunk. "Cut poles and stretch a blanket—"

"I won't do it!" Langdon muttered weakly. "I'll be all right if I can stay on my feet."

Rogers straightened up from examining Langdon's wound. "He's right," he said. "If he lets us carry him he'll be like a baby for weeks. You walked fifteen miles today, Langdon. If you could do that you can go anywhere."

"How far is it to Memphramagog?" asked Langdon.

"Ask that girl. She's going to take care of you."

Jennie Coit gave the departing Major one swift look, then set about bandaging Langdon's wound.

It took ten days of forced traveling to reach the hill overlooking Lake Memphramagog. When its inviting waters came into sight, the Rangers started to pour down the slope, but halted at a stern order from Major Rogers.

"We were just going to catch a mess of trout for supper," expostulated Peake.

"You'll get a mess of French lead and bullets for supper, more likely. You're worse than raw Redcoats. If that French commander who found our boats has guessed we made a bee-line for Memphramagog, he's made a bee-line here, too. I'm going down to the lake with the Indians to have a look. The rest of you are going to wait right here until I come back."

The men still grumbled, for they had had nothing to eat but corn for days, but they obeyed.

#### HYENA GETS LOOSE IN RAIL CAR; ROUTS BAGGAGE CLERK

Louisiana, Mo., March 28.—Irwin Kirby, baggage man on the Burlington fast mail which is due to pass through here at 1:41 a. m. had a crated hyena for a companion on his trip the other night. That is, it was crated until it gnawed its way free. That made it more of a companion than Kirby cared for. He borrowed a small pistol from a mail clerk and peppered it until all the bullets were gone. The hyena only laughed.

When, becoming impatient with the bombardment, the hyena advanced, Kirby retreated to the

## Group Named for Highway Program

Jefferson City, March 28.—A five-man committee to help work out a compromise highway program for this year's general election was appointed today by Col. Claude S. Earp, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

The committee was assigned the task of "aiding in drafting a plan for developing and financing Missouri's highways."

It will meet next Thursday with a Road Planning Committee, headed by Judge E. S. Bond of the Cole County Court, which submitted a highway plan to the commission last fall calling for a one-cent hike in the two-cent gasoline tax. That plan would split the additional penny between cities and counties.

### PROPOSAL SUPPORTED

The proposal has the support of William Hirth, Columbia farm leader, the County Judges' Association, the Missouri Automobile Club and the Petroleum Industries' Committee.

Earp said he hoped today's committee, with other groups, could "formulate a plan which will be approved by all interested in developing a state-wide highway program of state and local roads, based largely on the recent report of the state highway planning survey."

That survey stressed a need for more road construction without setting up any method for increasing revenue. The commission never has acted on the plan backed by the Hirth group.

R. S. Brownlee of Brookfield, president of the Citizens' Road Association, which backed the defeated "proposition six" road plan two years ago, was named on today's committee.

Others who will serve with him are R. M. Bristol, representing the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce; Charles Ferguson of Willow Springs, representing the Ozark area; Alexander W. Graham, Kansas City Postmaster, representing the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri; Harry McPherson, representing the St. Joseph

Chamber of Commerce and the St. Joseph Automobile Club.

Earp's action followed a request from the Bond-Hirth group although the Citizens' Road Association March 9 urged appointment of "a committee of fair-minded citizens who should attempt to decide between contending groups the kind of a sound highway program, if any, to submit to the voters next fall."

That request, made in a letter, declared "delay in an attempt by the Highway Commission to get all parties together adds confusion to the development of an impartial highway policy for which the need today is greater than ever before."

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A Democratic snip, a pee-wee, a small man in a big place, are three nice handles to put in front of a prominent citizen's name, but that is the way some folks talk when they get peeved.

Highway employees were notified last Thursday that they must keep out of politics. In about two more years, if this mania for outlawing political activities continues, it will be a misdemeanor to belong to a political party. And, believe it or not, all the righteous indignation against party workers is being voiced by office-holders who would have remained in private life except for men who hustled up the votes which elected them. No democracy can function without parties. No parties can function without workers. All this hurrah about promoting pure politics by depriving job-holders of their right to take part in political campaigns sounds good, but it really doesn't mean anything.—Paris Appeal.

Our Mr. Ed Edelen left Monday morning for Arizona seeking a cure for nasal troubles that required a dry climate. He will probably be absent for several months and in the meantime The Standard's news columns will be supplied by the office force unless we can secure a reporter until the return of Mr. Edelen.

Last Thanksgiving Day William Northington caught a sail fish off the coast of Florida that weighed 45 pounds and about 6 feet long. Friday the fish, mounted and shipped to Sikeston was received and placed on exhibition at the home on North Kingshighway. The Standard editor viewed the embalmed remains and pronounce it a beautiful corpse and fit to grace any man's den.

## CENSUS TAKERS START TODAY

Eight census enumerators will start work in the city of Sikeston this (Tuesday) morning. W. G. Wicker federal census supervisor of the Tenth Congressional District, has appointed the following workers for the local work: Ward 1, south of Tanner Street, Mrs. Pauline Rankin; Ward 1, north of Tanner Street, Katherine Blanton; Ward 2, south of North St., Ray Wisdom; Ward 2, north of North St., Mrs. Roy P. Basler; Ward 4, north of Kathleen, Mrs. Dal Harnes; Ward 4, south of Kathleen, Mrs. Ruby Harnes; Ward 3, west of School St., Mrs. W. S. Smith; Ward 3, east of School St., Mrs. W. O. Lasley; west of Highway 61 in Richland Township, Rev. P. Basler; east of Highway 61, outside of Crowder and Sikeston, Paul Rankin.

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hinkle and children, Anita and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rice and Bernard were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whittington of Piggott, Ark., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cook and son, Billy, accompanied by Mrs. Cook's father, Judge W. H. Carter, came from Carbondale, Ill., last Friday to spend the day with relatives. Judge Carter remained for an extended visit in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter.

Miss Janet Ross and Mrs. Slack of St. Louis were guests of Miss Almo Harris Sunday en route to their after a trip to New Orleans, La.

Mrs. J. E. Hetherington of Cody, New Brunswick, Canada, arrived last Thursday to visit her daughters, Mrs. E. P. Coleman Jr., and Mrs. T. C. McClure for several weeks. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. McClure met their mother in St. Louis.

Mrs. Claud Frizzell of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dunagan. Mr. Frizzell spent the week end in the Dunagan home. Mrs. Bond Wilkison of Kennett, also was a guest of Mrs. Dunagan Saturday.

The condition of John Simler, who has been ill for two weeks, is slightly improved. His daughter, Mrs. Fred Bowman of Chicago, is still here. Other guests in the Simler home last week end were Mr. Simler's sister, Mrs. Clara Elders, son, Henry, and daughter, Mrs. Duke Heather, of Tamm, Ill.

## WARNS PENSIONERS TO BEWARE OF FRAUDS

Old age pensioners were warned this week by attorney general Roy McKittick to beware of persons who claim they have been sent by the federal government to fit pensioners for eyeglasses.

Complaints received at the attorney general's office said pensioners have been paying five or six dollars for spectacles after being examined and fitted by men claiming to be sent by the federal government.

An investigation of the name and Jefferson City address given by one such "representative" showed that not only was his office fictitious but his name is not listed among the state's licensed optometrists.

The Social Security Commission at Jefferson City says it knows of no such program conducted by the federal government.

McKittick told pensioners to investigate and see the credentials of such "representatives" of the federal government before paying out money for glasses, and report to the county prosecuting attorney.

## FARMER KILLS SELF

Greenville, Mo., March 26.—Fred Lunyoun, 29, farm laborer, ended his life with a rifle in the woods near the home of Richard Boyer late yesterday. Coroner A. F. Wagner of Wayne County said Lunyoun had been despondent for some time.

To the horrors of the hangover was added another worry. The Illinois Division of Placement and Unemployment Compensation ruled that frequent over-indulgence in liquor outside working hours constitutes misconduct in employment and makes the drinker liable to a compensation penalty if he is discharged for "hangover inefficiency."

## Blond Girls From Stephens Have Mexican Lads a-Dither

By Margaret Plummer Richards.

Mexico City, March 28.—Any doubt that Mexicans also prefer blonds was dispelled here this week when those "beautiful girls from north of the Rio Grande," the 513 students from Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., invaded the city and took over two hotels.

Brunets, like myself, are a dime a dozen in Mexico City, I discovered, but the girls with golden hair have the Mexican youths big-eyed and open-mouthed. But not speechless. Boys are boys here or back home. They obey that impulse and while you can't understand what they say you know its the equivalent of "Hiya babe, busy?"

Such overtures, however, are frowned upon by the Stephens officials, who hold that their girls should be seen and admired only. Dates may be had only with permission from parents and one girl had to obtain telegraphic approval from her mother in Michigan to date the son of her father's old Harvard classmate. A Yale man said he could understand.

A man could break out of prison more easily than he could get onto

one of the hotel floors reserved for the girls. Not even bellhops are allowed.

This isolation exists in the two leading hotels, where the girls have the run of their reserved floors, exclusive rights to the main dining rooms and the attention of every homesick gringo and weary traveler. Five hundred girls, all under 20 and schooled in the graces can arouse a lot of enthusiasm.

There are numerous restrictions—no clucking hen ever watched her brood more closely than the Stephens chaperones—but the girls have plenty of fun. Federal police escort them on tours and tell the young native men to "andale," which sounds like "get along with you, now," and means the same. There have been trips to the bull fight, the shrines and that mountain with the impossible name.

Today the girls are packing their 1,800 pieces of luggage and this evening the party, aboard its three special trains, starts the trip home. We go by way of Baton Rouge, and there's a dance at the University of Louisiana on the schedule.

## Rise of Veneral Disease Clinic Given in Report

Rapid growth of the State Board of Health's syphilis control unit in Southeast Missouri, which has headquarters at Sikeston, is related in a detailed report of progress and obstacles for the year 1939, just issued by the staff.

Dr. E. A. Belden is head of the unit, and he is assisted by Lillian McDonald and Louise Howerton, registered nurses, and Jack Woodson, clerk. All live here.

The Sikeston clinic, established in the summer of 1937, has offices on the second floor of the City Hall furnished by the city. An average of 60 patients, with a maximum of 80, are received each Saturday. The number of infectious patients is relatively low, and so is the number of delinquents, the report states. The ration of new admissions to treatments is also low, as at Cape Girardeau. At Sikeston, there are three negro patients for every white one.

Oddly enough, white-negro ratio varies widely throughout the unit's Southeast Missouri clinics. At Poplar Bluff, white patients predominate 4 to 1, while negroes are in the majority by the same proportion at Charleston. At Cape Girardeau, as might be expected, whites exceed negroes 3 to 1, but Caruthersville serves only two negroes to each white.

In December the unit received a mobile clinic, a bus equipped for treating small numbers of patients in smaller centers.

A main obstacle is time. Clinic hours at times must be extended to accommodate all callers, so that slide examinations by microscope, a tedious task to determine more accurately if the patient is infected, must be done after hours. Malaria in some instances affected the blood to an extent that syphilis tests were uncertain. Cold

weather reduces attendance, although rain increases it. Delinquents are served through a follow-up system of visiting nurses, so that previous efforts do not go to waste.

## SENATOR ROBERTS IN RACE FOR TREASURER

Jefferson City, March 30.—State Senator T. E. (Tex) Roberts, editor and publisher of a Democratic newspaper at Diamond, has announced his candidacy for his party's nomination for the office of state treasurer. He is the youngest member of the upper house of the Missouri legislature.

Before entering the senate in 1938, Roberts served two terms in the House of Representatives from Newton county, and in 1937, was state president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Missouri, Inc. He opens his campaign at the state convention of that organization in Kansas City this week.

## TRAIN CARRYING STEPHENS COLLEGE GIRLS IS DERAILED

Mexico City, March 30.—The first of three trains carrying 500 Stephens College girls from Columbia, Mo., homeward from a Mexican vacation near San Luis Potosi today, but it was understood none of the girls were hurt. The engine, the tender and a car carrying the soldier escort which rides all Mexican passenger trains left the rails.

The train was put back on the tracks and passed through San Luis Potosi at 10:30 a. m. James Wood, president of Stephens College, was among the passengers aboard it.

The college girls were heading for a visit to Corpus Christi, Tex., where they were due Sunday, after a week's visit in Mexico City.

Reports from the Ural Mountain region said that one of the world's largest diamond fields had been discovered. The Soviet Academy of Sciences is sending an expedition to survey and map the field and to begin exploitation.

## New Madrid Democrats Assail Governor Stark

New Madrid, April 1.—In a resolution which charged the governor with having ignored the Democrats of Missouri, New Madrid County's 24 delegates to the state Democratic convention in St. Louis were instructed Saturday to oppose any and everything that is desired by Gov. Lloyd C. Stark. The delegation was pledged to work for an uninstrued Missouri delegation headed by Sen. Bennett C. Clark, in an outspoken resolution, New Madrid County Democrats declared Stark "is not deserving of any Democratic support" because he "has ignored the Democrats of Missouri."

## Stark and Clark In Close Contest

Jefferson City, March 30.—Missouri Democrats for the most part will go uninstructed to the state party convention in St. Louis April 15, reports from county sessions held today indicated.

Heading the list of uninstructed delegations were the two largest of the state—those from St. Louis and Kansas City.

Three county conventinos—Barry, Jasper and Harrison—endorsed President Roosevelt for a third term.

The results of the county meetings were not conclusive enough to show a definite trend toward either Gov. Lloyd C. Stark or Senator Bennett C. Clark, engaged in a fight to control the state's national delegation. Early reports showed each with at least four county groups definitely aligned to them.

The Jackson, Cole, Buchanan and Saline delegations were counted in the Clark camp, while Barry, Monroe, Audrain and Clay County groups voted to support Stark. Several other delegations were reported about evenly divided, but most of them were uninstructed.

Some political observers in Kansas City said it was foregone that Jackson County's 505 delegates would support Clark, since the Pendergast organization, in control of the county convention, is extremely unfriendly to the Governor.

## AMBULANCE TRIPS

Mrs. Gazelle Taylor was returned to her home on Greer in the Welsh ambulance last Friday from Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau.

## For Sale

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## J. W. Stone

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Wednesday, Malcolm Twitty of Morehouse was taken in the Welsh ambulance to St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

A cigaret factory in Persia has a capacity of 12,000,000 cigarets rolled daily.

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FOR RENT—2-room furnished apartment, modern. 214 Dorothy, Phone 565. 1t-51

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FOR RENT—2-room unfurnished apartment, 233 Tanner. Phone 418. 1t-57

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FOR RENT—Large furnished room for housekeeping or sleeping room, married couple or girls. 224 N. Prairie. Phone 510. 2t-57

FOR SALE—1936 Ford Tudor Sedan, good condition, good tires. Alva F. Vaughn, Phone 543-J. 1t-57

FOR SALE—10 tons of planting seed, well cured and cared for, one and two years from the origination. Variety Stoneville 4-A and D. P. L. first year from origination. Joe Crouthers, 6 miles south of Sikeston at Champion Elevator, Post Office, Sikeston; Phone Rural 2220, Sikeston. 1t-57

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FOR RENT—2 office rooms over North Kroger; also 3-room unfurnished apartment back of Cities Service Station. 1t-57

FOR SALE—Baby. Grand Steinway piano. Good as new. 4 years old. A. B. Gilliland, Charleston, Mo. 2t-57p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. 414 Prosperity. 1t-57

FOR RENT—2-room furnished apartment. Mrs. J. W. Schreff. Phone 102. 1t-57

FOR RENT—3-room apartment, modern. 101 West Gladys. Phone 882. 1t-57

FOR SALE—Restaurant fixtures, Frigidaire, steam tables, show case, stools, etc., also 5 double-deck bunks. Fred Sullivan, Hayti, Mo., at Shell Station. Phone 130. 2t-57p

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## West Bros. Carnival Is Coming Attraction

West Brothers Shows are billed in Sikeston for one week commencing April 8 and ending April 14.

Many new features have been added to the show this season. New decorations and beautiful fronts add considerable beauty to the show, as well as 10 deluxe shows and featured rides of high calibre, which are attracting more than average attention. A new advertising feature is also added this year, a merchant ticket which is getting very favorable attention. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are in charge of the sales of merchant tickets.

The show will be located on the Joyner lot on Highway 61 and sponsored through the auspices of the Sikeston Lions Club.

## Mrs. Garten Gives Impressive Review

Under the sponsorship of the Book Club, Mrs. Kathryn Turney Garten of Indianapolis, Ind., made a return appearance in Sikeston Sunday afternoon when she reviewed "The Bible Designed to Be Read as Living Literature" as arranged by Bates, before a large audience at the High School gymnasium.

Mrs. Garten told her listeners that all literature originated in the Bible and proved her assertion by dividing it into the four sections: history, drama, fiction and biography, and then, following an arranged continuity in each section, lifted a pageant of events, plots and characters from the Bible that were comparable to the ones of present day.

Talking for more than an hour on her subject, Mrs. Garten impressed her listeners with the great amount of reference work and exhaustive study she had put into her preparation for this review.

Concluding her talk with the biography of Christ, Mrs. Garten enacted the role of Mary, sister of Lazarus, and told the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection in a most dramatic monologue.

Mrs. Leroy Leslie introduced the speaker to the audience.

Following the review, Mrs. E. C. Matthews gave an informal tea at her home for members of the Book Club, Mrs. Garten and Mrs. L. Herick of St. Louis, who accompanied Mrs. Garten to Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mariam spent last week end in St. Louis.

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## ASSUMES DUTIES AS NEW LIBRARIAN

Miss Beatrice Lenore Dobbins of Albuquerque, New Mexico, assumed the duties as librarian at the City library Monday morning, filling the post left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Blair Haymes. Miss Dobbins came to Sikeston from the City library in Albuquerque where she was general assistant. She is a graduate librarian and has had considerable experience in that field. Arriving here last Thursday, Miss Dobbins is located at the home of Mrs. Hazel Weltecke on Tanner Street.

## WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB TO MEET APRIL 2

Members of the Woman's Civic Club will meet this Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ralph Anderson for an organ recital given by Mrs. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. Paul Fink of Philadelphia, who will sing several numbers.

Hostesses will be Mrs. William Northington, Mrs. Charles Boyce and Mrs. Edgar Belden.

## GOES EAST TO INSURANCE SCHOOL

Charles Allen Cook left Thursday for Hartford, Connecticut, to take a six-weeks course in an insurance school conducted by the Travelers' Insurance Company. Upon his return, Mr. Cook will be associated with the C. L. Malone Insurance firm.

## YOUTHS PLEAD GUILTY TO CAR THEFT

Walker Faught, 19, and James Lloyd Wright, 16, of Memphis, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court at Jackson Friday to stealing an automobile and were sentenced to two years in Alcoa reformatory. The pair were captured three weeks ago near New Madrid by Trooper H. F. Wickham of Sikeston, who was forced to wound Wright slightly with a pistol shot to make the pair halt in the stolen car. They also admitted driving a stolen auto from Memphis to near Cape Girardeau.

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## CHILDREN HUNT EASTER EGGS

The Easter egg hunt for Sikeston children, which was planned for Easter Sunday and postponed because of the snow, was held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the Golf Course of the Sikeston Country Club.

Approximately 175 children were at the field, which was separated for two age divisions, 6 to 9 years and 9 to 12 years. The eggs were of candy and children were allowed to retain all they found, and in addition, prizes for finding the most were given to each age group.

The winners were: Group 6 to 9; first, Betty Ruth Mainord, 91 eggs; second, Lillian Ancell, 90 eggs; third, Mary Carolyn Pratt, 88 eggs. Group 9 to 12; first, Finis Couch, 111 eggs; second, Celeste Goade, 100 eggs; third, Marshall Bacon, 76 eggs.

The egg hunt was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

## PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL

Jim Lancaster of Noxall was taken in the Albritton ambulance to St. Francis Hospital at Cape Girardeau Monday morning for treatment for pneumonia.

Tommy Johnson of near McMullin was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in the Albritton ambulance Monday morning for treatment for a leg injury.

## ENTERS HOSPITAL

H. H. Bateman entered Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis Monday morning for observation and treatment. Mr. Bateman, an employee of the Missouri State Highway Department, has been ill since the first of the year. He was accompanied to St. Louis by his daughter, Miss Ruth Bateman.

## Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Lula Sparks, Administratrix of the estate of Richard Sparks, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 6th day of May, A. D. 1940.

LULA SPARKS.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TRAINING SCHOOL

A training school for members of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will be held in Poplar Bluff, April 6 and 7, with classes in charge of Dr. Paul C. Brown, Field Secretary of Kansas City, Mo., and Al Schoenbeck, State President.

Following is the program for the two days:

Saturday, April 6, 1940.  
2:00 p. m.—Registration, Christian Church.  
3:30-3:45 p. m.—Devotional.  
3:50-5:00 p. m.—Classes:  
1. District Union Officers, Duties. (a) How can the District officers help their Society officers? (b) What is expected of the society by the District officers?  
2. Ministers, Sponsors, and Society officers—Society Difficulties. (a) What can we do to help the church. (b) What can the church do to help up? (c) Membership Problems. (d) Program Problems.  
6:00 p. m.—Dinner at the Ozark Hotel, (corner of Poplar and 2nd).  
7:30-8:30 p. m.—Classes:  
1. Administrative duties of the Society officers.  
2. Program planning for 1940 by the District officers.  
8:30-9:00 p. m.—Devotional.  
9:00 p. m.—Recreational Period (High School Gym) "Be prepared to play".  
Sunday, April 7, 1940.  
7:30 a. m.—Breakfast at the Ozark Hotel.  
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School and Church of your own choice.  
2:00 p. m.—Rally at the Christian Church. Chairman: Miss Helen Ponder.  
Dr. Paul C. Brown, Field Secretary, Kansas City, Mo. and Al Schoenbeck, State President, will have charge of the classes.

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## ROSA LEE GRAHAM

Week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Graham of Matthews, died early Sunday morning. Brief services were held at the family home in Matthews Sunday afternoon with Rev. G. A. Hardin of Matthews officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery at Sikeston Albritton Service. No other children survive.

Sikeston Standard, \$2 per year.

Charles Allen Cook, of Sikeston, is in Hartford, Conn., attending a school of instruction to better prepare him for an insurance salesman. He is associated with the C. L. Malone Insurance Co. of this city.

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# LAIR STORE NEWS

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## MY WORD FOR IT

On rather short notice it was decided a few weeks ago that I leave unfinished business—forget spring plans and other usually "important" items and hurry off to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis for repairs. Few if any patients really enjoy their stay in a hospital but on the other hand there is a world of satisfaction after an ordeal is over in receiving advice from an outstanding surgeon that everything seems to be O. K. and that further years of activity may reasonably be expected. But the point I want to get across in this paragraph is that on returning I find a marvelous change in the appearance of the store, office included. The force seems to have put on extra steam while I was away and have shown very plainly that they can get along better without me than they did with me—have shown me up so to speak. This is not merely a little prattle to please the boys but an actual fact. Naturally I am eager for people to call and look over the present best arranged furniture store that Sikeston has ever had in her history—which came about "through no fault of mine".

## NOT WITHIN 100 MILES

Will the buying public find an assortment of studio couches and companion pieces equalling the showing on our second floor. They are attractively priced too and used pieces may be traded in as part pay at a fair allowance with plenty of time to pay the balance.

## THOUSANDS OF ORPHANS

There are many fatherless and motherless electric refrigerators to be found here and there over this territory. They were boldly advertised a few years ago as the "best ever" to a trusting public but their parents have long since "blown up" leaving owners and dealers to hold the bag. If expert service is needed on them 'tis merely too bad for owners because there is no recourse. Our experience in this line has been paid for hence our "cocksureness". The point is—don't invest your money in a refrigerator whose maker is not rated away up in the millions because it takes a lot of cash to build, market and service electric refrigerators. Frigidaires are made and backed by General Motors which Company every one knows is one of the financial giants of America. Besides—Frigidaire are lower in price this season than ever in history hence there can be no sign of a reason for experimenting on other brands. For instance a beautiful six cubic foot Frigidaire with the Metermiser may be had for \$114.75. Plenty of time to pay (up to 2½ or 3 years) on any model. The grandest Frigidaire showing between St. Louis and Memphis is in our store.

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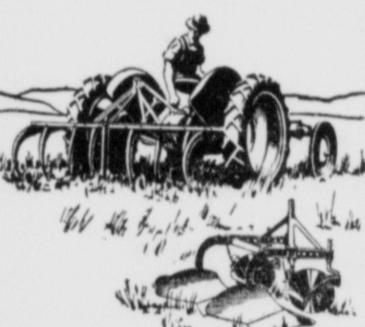
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## Old Instrument Used by Mound Builders, Found

Washington, March 26.—Accidental discovery near Kansas City of an almost intact specimen of an instrument with which the Hopewell people, mound building Indians of the middle west, made intricate geometric and other designs on pottery, was announced today by Smithsonian institution.

The instrument is a deer horn with notches out of its elliptical bottom so it constitutes a rattle.

"By rolling this over unbaked clay vessels the mound builder artist was able to produce easily designs which would have been very difficult to make with a stamp," said the institution.

H. M. Trowbridge of Kansas City made the discovery and sent the horn to the institution. Anthropologists said it was a solution of a problem over which there had been much controversy.

Dr. Waldo R. Wedel, institution employee, was able by use of the instrument to duplicate almost perfectly the type of decoration found on pottery fragments recovered from the Kansas City area.

All traces of the Hopewell race are prehistoric. Smithsonian said what became of them was unknown but that they must be represented in the ancestry of some living tribes. All efforts to connect their culture with that of any extant people have failed.

"For this reason," Smithsonian said, "new evidence of any sort concerning them and their ways of life is likely to prove of exceptional value."

## WPA Road Plan Brings Protest

Jefferson City, March 28.—Missouri's proposed \$5,500,000 WPA road-building project drew bitter criticism from contractors and construction supply dealers here today as "wasteful diversion" of highway funds.

More than 100 men attending a meeting sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of Missouri to protest against the "encroachment of the WPA on the construction industry," voted unanimously to send a committee to the Highway Commission and Gov. Lloyd C. Stark opposing the project.

The plan—still awaiting federal approval—calls for the State Highway Department to contribute \$1,625,000 to the work.

### CALLED BOONDOGGING

"I don't think the Highway Commission has any right to take money voted for construction of permanent state highway and give it to the WPA for boondoggling," declared Morris Dewitt, Kirk-

wood contractor who is chairman of the Contractors' Association's Legislative Committee.

"The voters certainly never intended for the Highway Department to become a relief agency. This project wouldn't provide work for any more men than if the money—matched by federal fund—were spent through the regular contracting channels. It would just give the work to a different group of men—taking it from regular road builders to give to WPA men."

### FACING RUIN

E. C. L. Wagner of Jefferson City, manager of the Contractors' Association, urged that Missouri's Congressmen be requested to "protect the construction industry from the ruin it faces if the present WPA trend continues."

Contending that construction employment has been cut nearly in half since inception of the WPA, Wagner said "if the construction industry could get back to normal, it would increase the number employed by more than the number now on WPA. \* \* \* WPA is taking over more and more the functions of the construction industry and by doing

so is forcing on to the list of the unemployed the men who have formerly found work in construction."

### NOT SOUND ECONOMY

"Any plan which contemplates caring for the unemployed by creating unemployment in an existing industry is not a sound economy."

Among those joining Wagner in criticism of the WPA program were J. Frank Cline of the Springfield Building Trades Council, and C. G. Hamilton, president of the Kansas City Building Trades Council.

## EX-MARSHAL PLEADS GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

Caruthersville, Mo., March 26.—Herman Ford, 33, former City Marshal of Risco, New Madrid County, halted his trial for fatally shooting Braxton Gray, 28, at the Risco City Hall in August, 1936, after a Circuit Court jury had been chosen here today and entered pleas of guilty.

It was Ford's second trial, the first being held in March, 1939, at which time a jury found him guilty of manslaughter and fixed his punishment at 10 years in prison.

An appeal to the Supreme Court was taken and the case remanded for new trial due to errors in procedure.

After Ford entered his plea Judge L. H. Schulz sentenced him to 10 years in the penitentiary.

## DUNKLIN COUNTY LEADS IN ENTRIES

With forty-one farm families entered, Dunklin county leads all other Missouri counties in the total enrollment in the 1940 Plant-To-Prosper contest according to figures coming to the attention of the Kennett Democrat. Of the

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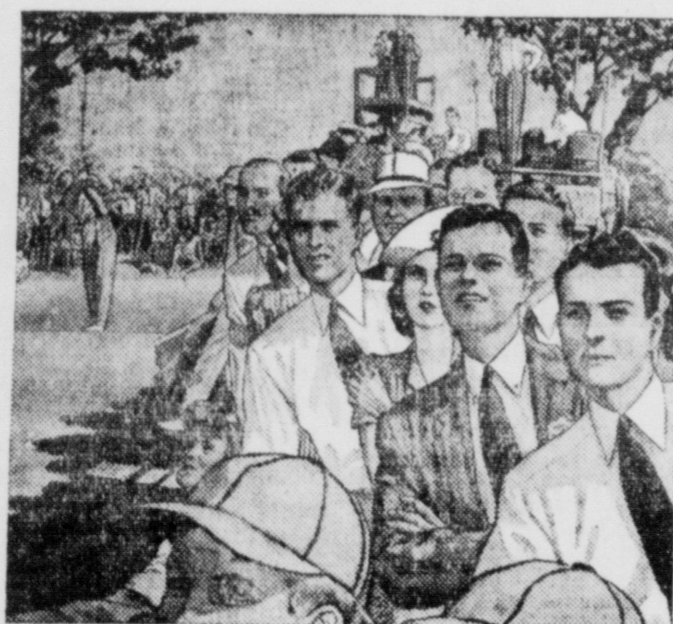


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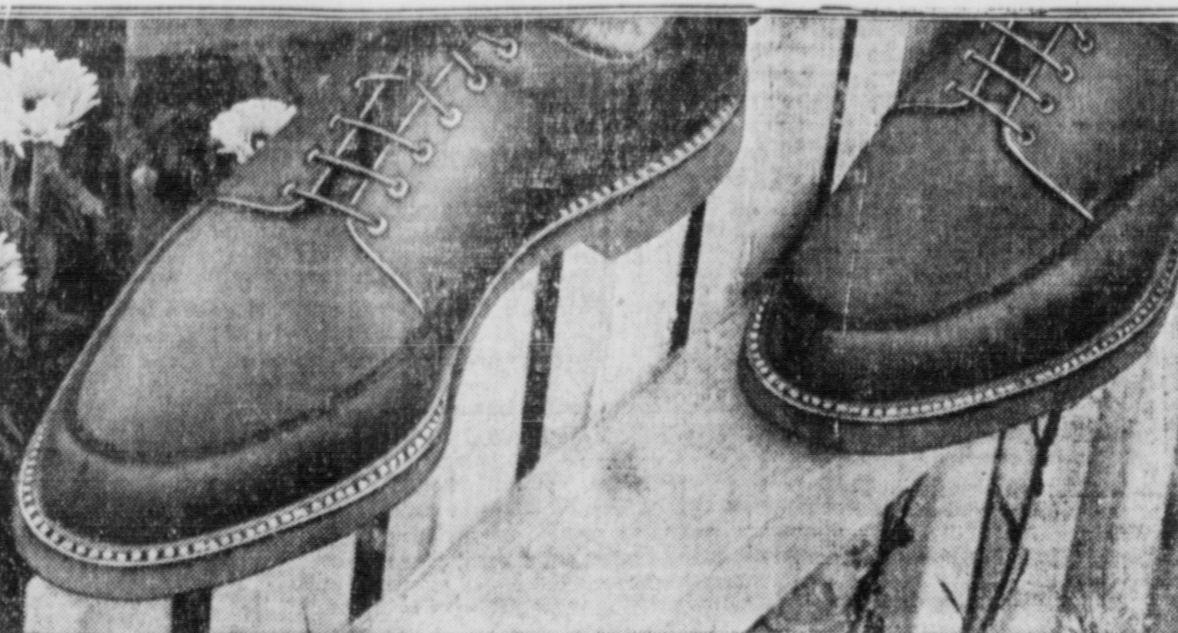
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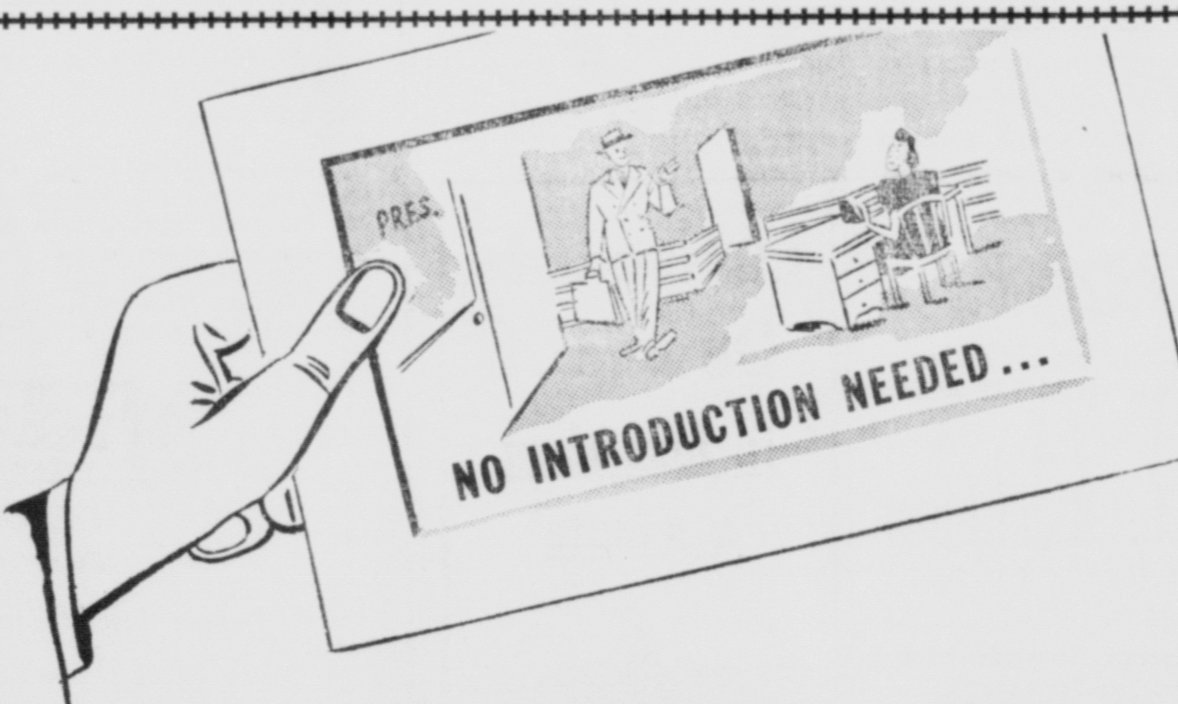
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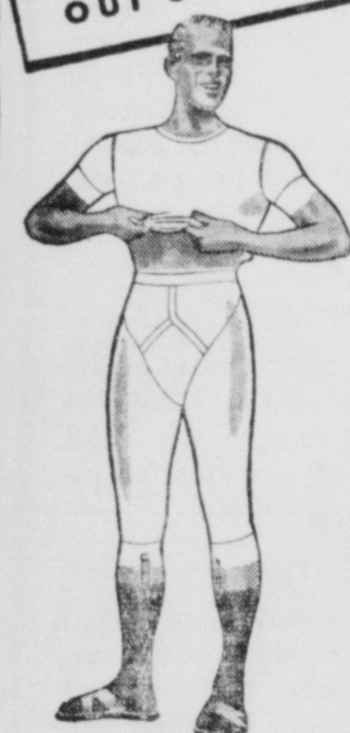
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## QUESTIONS—ANSWERS

**Q.** Should doors leading to a porch be placed on either side of a living-room fireplace which is located in the center of a wall approximately 13 feet in length? The porch could easily be planned for another location.

**A.** Since the fireplace is usually the center of activity and interest in a living room, the location of the furniture about it is very important. It should be possible to arrange a sofa, chairs, and tables so that a convenient conversation group can be formed. Doors on either side of the fireplace would make this difficult since the space required for the swinging of the doors and for circulation through these openings would leave little room for any fireside grouping of furniture.

**Q.** What type and weight of roofing felt is recommended for use under slate? What is meant by shingle exposure, and what are the allowable exposures for slate?

**A.** Under slate use a saturated asphalt roofing felt weighting not less than 30 pounds per 100 square feet. The exposure of a shingle is the portion not covered by the next course above or the length of the shingle exposed to the weather. Since the standard lap of alternate shingle courses used in laying slate on sloping roofs is 3 inches, the proper exposure is computed by deducting 3 inches from the length of the slate and dividing by two. This means that for a 14-inch slate the exposure should not exceed 5½ inches; for a 16-inch slate, 6½ inches; and for an 18-inch slate 7½ inches. Proper exposures to the weather for longer or shorter shingles can be determined in the same manner.

**Q.** How can a garbage container be concealed?

**A.** An underground receptacle, properly drained and having a pedal-operated cover, is a good arrangement. Containers above ground can be included in a small lattice or hedge-screened service yard located on the same side of the house as the garage driveway, kitchen, and service entrance.

**Q.** Every time it rains several of our windows swell, and we are unable to open them until they dry out. Is there any way we can remedy this condition?

**A.** Loosen the stop which holds the window sash in place. If this does not improve the condition, wait until the sash is dry and apply a thin coat of paste floor wax throughout the length of the grooves the sash slides in. Painting the grooves with linseed oil also may be helpful. If the windows are too tight even when dry, it will be necessary to remove the sash and plane down one side. Weather-stripping the windows will provide easy sliding of the sash and will reduce air infiltration.

**Q.** What is the cause of cracks that develop within a few weeks or months in a new well-laid wood floor?

**A.** These cracks are usually the result of a change in moisture content within the wood itself. This change in moisture content may be due to improper preliminary seasoning, improper storage at the mill or retail yard, delivery to the building during wet weather, or absorption of moisture from the air within the building either before or after the flooring is laid. Flooring should never be laid or even stored within the house before the masonry or plaster has had time to become thoroughly dry. Another cause of cracks in floors is the use of boards that have warped so that considerable pressure must be applied to drive the board into place.

**Q.** How should masonry units be laid?

**A.** All joints between masonry units should be pointed solid with mortar on both sides of the wall, with all outside and exposed inside joints weathered or tooled. Joints should not be over three-fourths inch thick. In walls built of solid masonry units, all joints should be filled solid. When hollow units are used, they should be laid with no through mortar joints.

**Q.** Can I save money by using stock millwork in building my house?

**A.** When moldings, kitchen cabinets, doors, and window sash are supplied from stock, they usually cost less than when made to special design. If you are trying to keep down costs, see what your contractor can obtain from a local millwork company's or lumber dealer's stock.

**Q.** I wish to obtain the number of cubic feet in a dwelling which is to have a full basement and a gable roof. How do I determine this figure?

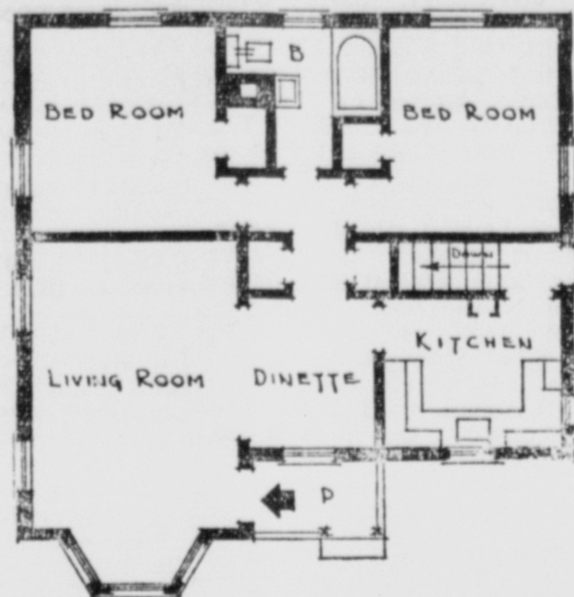
**A.** You can determine the cubic content of a house by multiplying the square-foot floor area of the ground floor by the distance from the top of the foundation footings to a point one-half way between the eaves and the ridge of the roof. If you contemplate using the cubic content for approximating the comparative cost of similar buildings, it is important to know if the volume of the basement and porch areas has been used as a whole or halved. Practice differs in this respect, and for comparative-cost purposes it is essential that the same method be used for both buildings.

### SO YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A HOUSE—OR MAYBE JUST REPAIR OR REMODEL

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With gas or oil-fired furnaces this idea works particularly well, since the heat supply in these is cut off promptly when the room temperature goes up enough to put the thermostat to work, and the house may get uncomfortably cool before the heat is turned on again and builds up to the comfort point.

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### BATHROOMS HAVE USE FOR WATERPROOFING

Water-resistant materials are particularly adaptable for use in bathrooms. Linoleum, waterproofed wallpaper, asbestos wainscoting, asphalt-tile flooring, metal tile, and ceramic and glass tile can be used to advantage. Funds for the installation of a new waterproof wall or floor in a bathroom may be obtained from private lending institutions approved by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

### WINDOW REPAIR NEED REALIZED DURING WINTER

Cracked and puttyless windows are least appreciated in the Winter, when they rob the houses of their warmth.

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### PRACTICAL USE OF AREAWAYS

Areaways, which provide light for the underground or semiunderground windows of the basement, offer the average home owners a problem in treatment. Left alone, most areaways ultimately turn into little more than trash pits.

Sometimes iron grills are placed around areaways to protect small children from falling into the holes and also to keep out leaves and trash. These may be installed with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

Some home owners have found solutions to the areaway problem by employing them for such novel uses as hot beds for starting seeds.

### LIVING ROOM-DINING ROOM

The trend toward combined living room and dining room has increased greatly in popularity in the past few years, especially in smaller homes where space-sav-

ing requirements must be regarded closely.

Owners of small homes which contain adjoining and dining rooms, both of insufficient size, may find combining the two desirable. Funds for this work may be obtained from private lending institutions qualified by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

Reasons advanced by architects and builders for the trend away from separate dining rooms are that as such they are used only three or four hours a day while the living room is in practically constant use. Another point is the fact that living room and dining room are seldom, if ever, used simultaneously.

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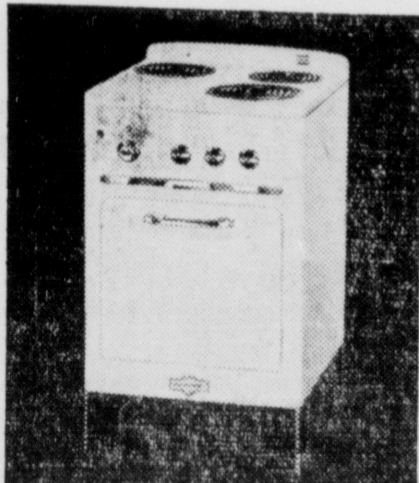
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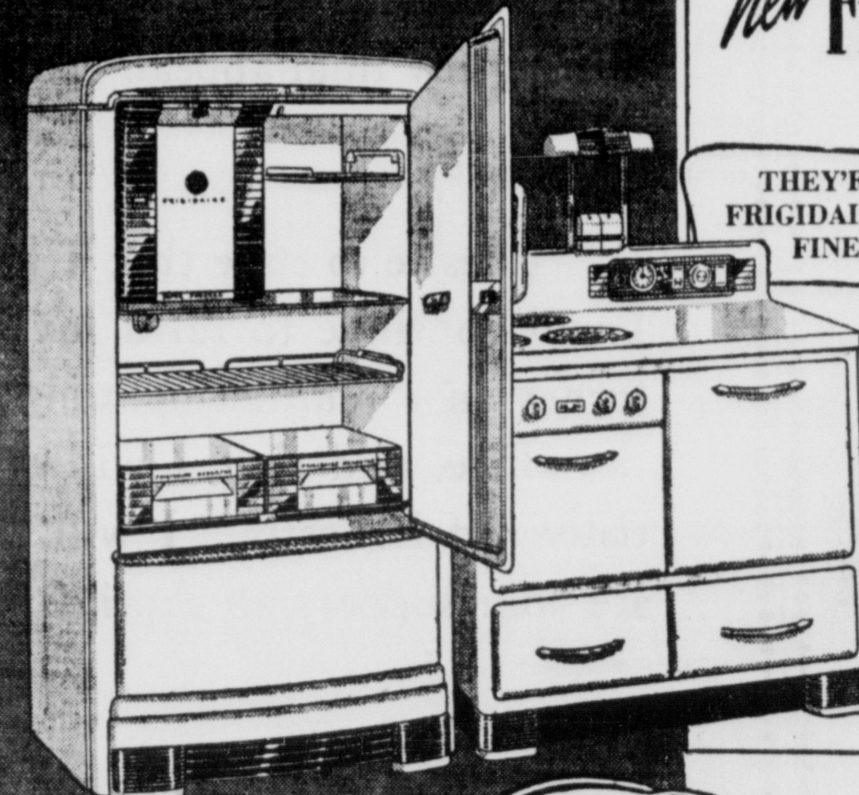
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## Kiwanis Club Activities



By Bartley Schwegler  
Resolved: That the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads, was the subject debated by the Sikeston High School debate team before the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting Friday evening at the Sikeston Country Club.

The affirmative was upheld by the Misses Betty Lou Barger and Mary Emma Donnell. The negative was upheld by the Messrs. C. D. Butler and William Marsh.

Both sides made excellent presentations of their thesis and it was hard to tell which were the best debaters though the young women seemed to have a slight edge over the boys.

The group which listened to the debate voted that the government should not own the railroads but decided that the affirmative debaters presented their side of it in a better manner than did the negative.

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## McKittrick for 3rd Term for Self

Jefferson City, March 30.—Attorney General Roy McKittrick announced tonight he would seek a third term in that office, cutting off speculation current for months that he would make the race for Governor.

His decision brought to four the number of Democrats actively campaigning for nomination to the attorney generalship, and left State Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage and Excise Commissioner Lawrence McDaniel of St. Louis the only avowed Democratic aspirants to the governorship.

McKittrick said he wanted another term as Attorney General because "many important law suits instituted by me, involving millions of dollars, are still pending in the courts and my chief concern is to see these suits through to their successful conclusion."

### HOT BATTLE AHEAD

With "the General" in the campaign for renomination, Missouri political observers finally have a chance to witness the political battle for which they long have waited—McKittrick and John D. Taylor in the same race.

Taylor, a State Legislator, and McKittrick both come from Chariton County where they have been the bitterest of political enemies for years. Taylor announced for Attorney General months ago after he had remarked:

"Somebody ought to run for that office. It's been vacant for years."

### OTHERS IN RACE

With the two Chariton County enemies in the race are State Senator W. B. Whitlow of Fulton and Drake Watson, a former Assistant Attorney General, both of whom announced earlier in the year. McKittrick fired Watson, a Ralls County lawyer, the day the latter got into the race.

The Attorney General's announcement brought to four the number of state officials seeking their third term in office. Lieut. Gov. Frank G. Harris, Secretary of State Dwight Brown and State Auditor Forrest Smith—all now completing their second terms—have announced they would seek renomination.

These young people go to Columbia, next Friday to meet other debaters on the same subject Saturday in a state-wide debate tournament. They will give a good account of themselves in this tournament.

After the debate was over some members of the audience wanted to debate it among themselves, so much interest had been aroused.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Nicholson, Archie Beasley, Mrs. Beasley, Miss Carlene Beasley and Jack Smith spent Sunday in Mayfield, Ky.

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## Lopez' Long Rein In Jazz Due to Changes in Style

Vincent Pope, piano speed-king, who has inspired countless miles of dancing and innumerable romances with his famous air greeting, "Hello Everybody, Lopez Speaking", brings his internationally famous "Suave Swing" band to Sikeston Monday night, April 8, under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lopez is considered unique among bandleaders. Although a few other dance maestros have kept their place in the spotlight as long as Lopez, the piano-playing maestro is the only bandleader to do it by directing his success-giving formulas of the past and beginning all over again any time a new trend in music has gripped the nation. He is said to be the only baton-waver in the business to keep abreast of all three cycles in popular music—first crude jazz, then refined or "sweet" jazz and now swing.

When swing blew across the horizon, Lopez not only stepped on the bandwagon but actually took the drivers reins. Swing was great, but too many bands spoiled it by racing their tempos and raising ear-splitting clamor and din. This gave Lopez an idea. Why not modify swing, combine a rhythmic and melodic hot style, distinguished from the output of most of his own swing contemporaries by its emphasis on music continuity.

With his entertainment corps is 17-year-old Penny Parker, lovely to look at, whom Lopez signed for a long-term contract after hearing her sing once.

### P.-T. A. HOBBY SHOW AND PROGRAM APRIL 4

The annual hobby show, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, will be held at the High School gymnasium Thursday night, April 4, at 7:30 o'clock in conjunction with the regular meeting of the organization.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual hobby, the largest display of any one hobby and the most attractive display of any one hobby.

After the show a program, in charge of V. L. Knepper, with talks on the various hobbies, will be given as follows: Introduction, Mr. Knepper; "Model Planes", Paul Brewer; "Photograph", Jimmy Rabb;

## Child Welfare Meet This Monday

A special child welfare conference will be held this Monday evening, April 1, at the High School auditorium, conducted by the American Legion. All civic clubs are invited to participate, according to O. M. Arthur, chairman.

Principal speakers will be Milt Campbell of the National American Legion headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. E. H. Gardner of Jefferson City, state auxiliary chairman of child welfare.

### KITE CONTEST HELD SUNDAY

All types of kites were entered in the contest held Sunday afternoon on the Chaney Addition grounds on the south edge of Sikeston. The contest was sponsored by Troop 42, the members of which donated the money for the prizes. Franklin Struwe and Charles Yanson have charge of the troop.

Eighteen boys entered their kites in the trials and five were awarded prizes. The entrants were Joe Cooley, Harry Hambrich, Howard Wheatly, Bobby Vowells, Dennis Lynn, J. E. Butler, Jimmie Rabb, Billy Pierce, J. W. Little, Leonard Kindred, Clentis Ables, Billy Sikes, Bob Deneke, Russell Wilson, Phil Bowditch, John Ensor, Carlis Tidwell. Prizes were given as follows: Largest kite, Joe Cooley, 50 cents; smallest kite, Clentis Ables, knife; highest kite, Bobby Vowells, Scout book; Novel kite, Billy Sikes, sheath knife.

The judges were Fred Colley, T. E. Stallings, C. H. Butler and Ernest Kellett. One hundred visitors attended the contest.

### TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Andy Robert of Benton was taken Friday afternoon in the Ellis ambulance to St. Francis Hospital for medical treatment.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. J. W. Stone, Jr., of this city was taken Friday night to St. Francis Hospital for an appendix operation.

"Amateur Radio", Frank Stevens, Charles Proffer and Hiram Williams; "The Acquamium", T. M. Travelstead; "Mechanical Toys", James Hahn; "Stamps", Joe Allen.

## Cotton Meeting Set for Tuesday

Poplar Bluff, March 31.—Sharecroppers, landowners and tenants in Butler County will meet with representatives of the Farm Security Administration to study the FSA expansion program for Southeast Missouri at the Court-house here Tuesday, W. F. James, who is Butler County agent and acting for Gov. Stark's Sharecropper Committee, announced today.

Meetings are being held in various cotton growing counties of Southeast Missouri in which an effort is being made to relieve the labor problem.

The sharecroppers will be organized and two representatives from the farm labor and farm owner groups will be named to form a County Advisory Committee of four. This committee will work with the FSA in the development of its expanded program.

Similar meetings are scheduled in Scott, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Mississippi, New Madrid and Stoddard counties.

### FIDELIS CLASS TO MEET TONITE

The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church will meet this Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Purcell, 331 South Scott, with Mrs. Lonnie Standley assistant hostess. All members please be present.

### CAESARIAN BIRTH TO 14-YEAR-OLD WIFE

Logan, W. Va., March 30.—Fourteen-year-old Mrs. Clifford Atkins, Logan's "child bride" of more than a year ago, smiled today in a hospital bed at her day-old daughter.

The baby was born last night after a Caesarian operation.

Mrs. Atkins, the former Helen Clidas, was married November 10, 1938, to Clifford Atkins, then 22, after the couple had been given the consent of Helen's parents.

They now live at Mud Fork and have been receiving relief.

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## Re-Elect JEWELL Police Judge

## To the Voters...

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I desire to state that if I am re-elected, that I will continue to fulfil my duties as City Attorney in a manner befitting the importance of the office, and that I will do my duty impartially and honestly. I will more than appreciate your support on April 2, 1940.

## Robert A. Dempster

Candidate for Re-Election  
City Attorney, City of Sikeston.

## Chris Francis To Rural Carrier

The mail Sunday morning brought to Chris Francis the news of his transfer from clerk within the postoffice to rural carrier made vacant by the death of David Lumsden which occurred several months ago.

Chris was appointed to the Sikeston postoffice November 15, 1912, when Dan McCay was postmaster and has been a faithful and trustworthy employee since that date.

He will take over the rural carrier route April 8, 1940.

### APOLLO GROUP TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Apollo Group will meet at the library at 3 o'clock April 5. Mrs. H. E. Reuber will have charge.

of the program, which the subject, Edwin Franko Goldman on "The Renaissance of the Band".

Robert Sorrells will present his pupils in the following numbers: Clarinet quartet; Joe Allen, Billy Anderson, Grace Marie Sitzes, Caroline Weltecke; saxophone quartet, Alex Waters, Joe Arbaugh, Billy Grant, Tommy Roberts; flute trio, Mary Emma Donnell, Margaret Ann Hatfield, Jane Wilkerson; Clarinet solo, Joe Allen; Saxophone solo, Billy Grant; trombone solo, Billy Foley.

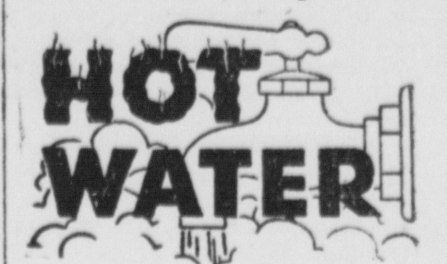
Plans will be completed at the meeting for the ninth district meeting of the senior clubs of the M. F. M. C., which will meet in Sikeston on May 4.

Election of officers for the next two years will be held Friday afternoon and all members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Margaret Fontaine had as guests Friday, Mrs. Rilla Ford and Mrs. Nell Moyer of Cairo, Ill.

Don Robinson of Kennett spent Saturday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson.

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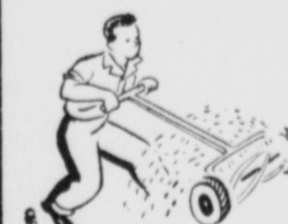
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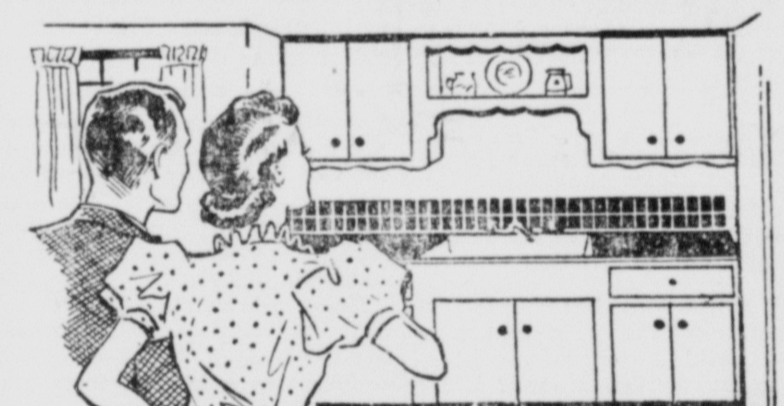
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